

Polk County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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Indicator		County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development	Median Household Income	\$59,012	\$70,838	55
	Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.5	9
	Housing Cost Burden	25%	28%	37
	Food Insecurity	19.7%	18.9%	45
Physical Health	Teen Pregnancy	17.2	22.2	18
	Physicians per 100K	19.9	26.1	22
	Child Fatality	45.2	58.7	23
	Uninsured	9.7%	10.9%	29
Mental Health and Safety	Suicide Rate	21.6	16.6	63
	Student-Counselor Ratio	223:1	315:1	7
	Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	0	2.23	1
	Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	19.9	41.0	8
Education Inputs	State Expenditures	\$10,054	\$7896	27
	Local Expenditures	\$2,429	\$3058	55
	Federal Expenditures	\$3,821	\$2269	13
	Teacher Vacancy Rate	1.9%	6.4%	17
Education Outcomes	Math Proficiency	55.5%	37.0%	8
	3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	51.7%	48.6%	20
	% Meeting ACT Benchmark	13.9%	15.2%	24
	High School Graduation Rate	86.8%	86.9%	51

Ranking Summary

Overall	4
Economic Development	37
Physical Health	9
Mental Health	5
Education Input	8
Education Outcomes	17

Public School Student Demographics

