Buncombe County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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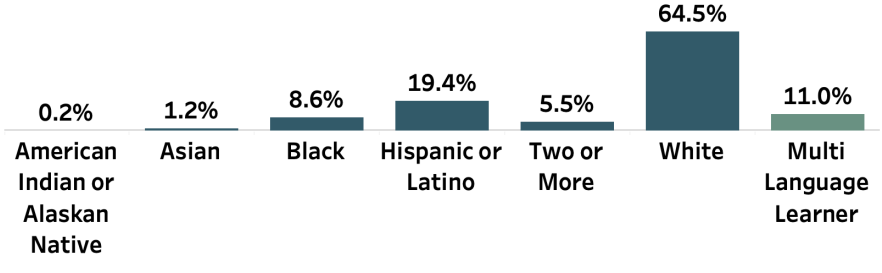
	Indicator	County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development	Median Household Income	$71,218	$70,838	21
	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.5	2
	Housing Cost Burden	30%	28%	67
	Food Insecurity	16.2%	18.9%	21
Physical Health	Teen Pregnancy	17.4	22.2	20
	Physicians per 100K	47.7	26.1	5
	Child Fatality	44.4	58.7	21
	Uninsured	11.9%	10.9%	75
Mental Health and Safety	Suicide Rate	20.8	16.6	59
	Student-Counselor Ratio	252:1	315:1	14
	Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	1.6	2.23	50
	Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	55.1	41.0	74
Education Inputs	State Expenditures	$7,814	$7896	80
	Federal Expenditures	$2,313	$3058	62
	Local Expenditures	$4,393	$2269	5
	Teacher Vacancy Rate	0.2%	6.4%	5
Education Outcomes	Math Proficiency	37.6%	37.0%	50
	3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	51.8%	48.6%	19
	% Meeting ACT Benchmark	20.7%	15.2%	5
	High School Graduation Rate	91.2%	86.9%	16

Ranking Summary

Overall	10
Economic Development	18
Physical Health	16
Mental Health	46
Education Input	21
Education Outcomes	13

Public School Student Demographics