

Cherokee County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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		Indicator	County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development		Median Household Income	\$53,926	\$70,838	71
		Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	66
		Housing Cost Burden	22%	28%	16
		Food Insecurity	19.6%	18.9%	44
Physical Health		Teen Pregnancy	24	22.2	48
		Physicians per 100K	23	26.1	18
		Child Fatality	81	58.7	74
		Uninsured	14.8%	10.9%	94
Mental Health and Safety		Suicide Rate	43.7	16.6	98
		Student-Counselor Ratio	251:1	315:1	13
		Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	0.4	2.23	10
		Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	80.1	41.0	96
Education Inputs		State Expenditures	\$9,697	\$7896	29
		Federal Expenditures	\$2,046	\$3058	72
		Local Expenditures	\$3,229	\$2269	23
		Teacher Vacancy Rate	4.7%	6.4%	42
Education Outcomes		Math Proficiency	43.1%	37.0%	33
		3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	38.5%	48.6%	78
		% Meeting ACT Benchmark	10.2%	15.2%	42
		High School Graduation Rate	92.5%	86.9%	9

Ranking Summary

Overall	47
Economic Development	56
Physical Health	65
Mental Health	59
Education Input	26
Education Outcomes	35

Public School Student Demographics

