

Watauga County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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		Indicator	County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development		Median Household Income	\$62,045	\$70,838	40
		Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	24
		Housing Cost Burden	37%	28%	98
		Food Insecurity	13.4%	18.9%	7
Physical Health		Teen Pregnancy	4.3	22.2	3
		Physicians per 100K	28.1	26.1	9
		Child Fatality	44	58.7	20
		Uninsured	10.7%	10.9%	55
Mental Health and Safety		Suicide Rate	7.8	16.6	6
		Student-Counselor Ratio	303:1	315:1	36
		Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	0.5	2.23	11
		Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	21.9	41.0	9
Education Inputs		State Expenditures	\$8,169	\$7896	65
		Federal Expenditures	\$1,287	\$3058	93
		Local Expenditures	\$3,975	\$2269	9
		Teacher Vacancy Rate	0.5%	6.4%	6
Education Outcomes		Math Proficiency	61.0%	37.0%	4
		3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	59.4%	48.6%	3
		% Meeting ACT Benchmark	19.1%	15.2%	9
		High School Graduation Rate	90.3%	86.9%	20

Ranking Summary

Overall	3
Economic Development	47
Physical Health	7
Mental Health	2
Education Input	31
Education Outcomes	3

Public School Student Demographics

