



# Local Level Data

Local level data help policymakers, community leaders and child advocates better understand how children in their communities are doing. Just as no two children are alike, no two counties are alike; counties that excel in some areas, such as in child health, may struggle in education or juvenile justice. Having local level data allows communities to create more effective policy and community action for their children.

For even the most basic indicators, such as overall child population, there are tremendous differences by county. For example, for every one child in Tyrrell County, there are 238 children in Mecklenberg County. Additionally, tremendous variation exists for

the more complex indicators such as child poverty; slightly more than 1-in-10 Wake County children live in poverty compared to 3-in-10 children in Halifax County. This type of large variation by county is also true for child outcomes in health and safety, early care and education, child maltreatment and juvenile justice.

Each county has its own strengths and faces its own challenges when it comes to caring for their children; knowing what these are can help communities develop strategies that will make the greatest difference in the lives of their children.

*This section of the 2006 North Carolina Children's Index provides county and school district data in seven areas: health and safety, economic (in)security, early care and education, child maltreatment, juvenile justice and demographics. The indicators included are a subset of those available on the state-level in this publication.*

*Data for all 100 counties are available online through CLIKS: Community-Level Indicators on Kids. CLIKS provides comprehensive data on the well-being of children collected by Action for Children and other KIDS COUNT grantees across the county. This interactive system allows users to look at individual counties and compare counties as well as generate raw data, custom profiles, line graphs, maps and rankings.*

## How to Access CLIKS

1. Go to [www.ncchild.org](http://www.ncchild.org).
2. Select Data and Statistics.
3. Select Cliks.

## How to Use CLIKS

1. Select the data format (raw data, profiles, graphs, maps or rankings).
2. Select the geographic area (to access counties, click on the plus (+) sign to the left of the state name).
3. Select the indicator if option is provided (e.g. children in poverty, teen deaths, etc.).

Separate profiles of each county with most of the indicators included in this publication will be available in May 2006 for all 100 counties under Data and Statistics at [www.ncchild.org](http://www.ncchild.org). Specifically, click on 2006 North Carolina Children's Index County Profiles.





# School District Data

County/School District	Indicators of Educational Well-Being								
	Child Care	Proficient on End-of-Grade Test				Average SAT Scores (out of 1600)	Four Year Completion Rate (per 100)	Public School Per Pupil Expenditures	Students in Public Schools (Average daily membership)
	Percent of Children (0-12) in Regulated Child Care Receiving Subsidies	3rd Grade Reading	3rd Grade Math	8th Grade Reading	8th Grade Math				
2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2004	2004	2004	
North Carolina	36.1%	83.4%	86.1%	88.9%	84.8%	1010	61.9	\$7,006	1,311,163
Alamance-Burlington	35.8%	80.2%	84.4%	84.2%	83.9%	1002	60.1	\$6,481	21,280
Alexander	45.9%	87.6%	88.5%	88.6%	84.1%	984	72.6	\$6,339	5,556
Alleghany	42.0%	91.7%	>=95%	94.3%	87.7%	956	76.6	\$8,728	1,472
Anson	48.4%	68.2%	69.7%	76.5%	68.1%	879	54.2	\$7,403	4,356
Ashe	37.1%	86.1%	89.4%	94.6%	>=95%	1041	64.6	\$8,033	3,133
Avery	33.3%	89.3%	91.5%	89.4%	83.7%	1026	65.2	\$8,918	2,309
Beaufort	55.4%	85.4%	88.1%	84.5%	78.5%	978	61.6	\$7,364	7,160
Bertie	57.9%	68.0%	70.8%	79.3%	78.9%	802	54.2	\$8,014	3,375
Bladen	37.2%	76.0%	77.4%	84.7%	76.4%	878	68.6	\$7,293	5,676
Brunswick	53.1%	81.8%	86.2%	90.2%	85.5%	985	57.3	\$7,586	10,528
Buncombe	32.1%	90.1%	90.6%	91.3%	90.0%	1066	61.5	\$6,835	24,535
Asheville City	n/a	88.4%	87.6%	88.3%	79.7%	1064	54.7	\$10,102	3,789
Burke	52.4%	86.8%	90.1%	92.2%	89.5%	1052	59.0	\$6,486	14,406
Cabarrus	35.9%	86.8%	88.6%	92.4%	88.3%	1020	70.3	\$6,312	21,616
Kannapolis City	n/a	79.9%	81.7%	87.5%	84.1%	999	59.3	\$6,729	4,481
Caldwell	36.3%	86.0%	88.0%	90.7%	87.8%	1033	58.5	\$6,313	12,746
Camden	38.3%	89.3%	>=95%	94.9%	94.9%	976	66.2	\$7,120	1,567
Carteret	35.0%	89.3%	92.0%	94.5%	89.1%	1023	69.4	\$7,729	8,128
Caswell	61.0%	86.0%	85.5%	88.1%	80.7%	912	66.1	\$7,371	3,360
Catawba	29.5%	85.1%	85.1%	91.9%	90.1%	1008	65.6	\$6,334	16,506
Hickory City	n/a	82.0%	85.1%	87.1%	84.0%	1045	58.7	\$6,878	4,464
Newton-Conover City	n/a	81.4%	82.3%	89.9%	90.6%	983	61.7	\$7,437	2,797
Chatham	49.9%	79.4%	86.8%	92.4%	91.4%	987	59.5	\$7,674	7,243
Cherokee	31.3%	88.3%	91.3%	>=95%	91.3%	1023	71.9	\$7,343	3,606
Edenton/Chowan	34.9%	78.1%	78.8%	89.7%	83.2%	973	63.8	\$8,118	2,461
Clay	41.8%	91.0%	91.0%	94.5%	90.8%	1075	73.0	\$8,989	1,251
Cleveland	55.7%	88.4%	90.7%	90.0%	86.5%	999	59.7	\$7,117	17,386
Columbus	39.8%	73.8%	79.6%	85.5%	78.8%	905	58.7	\$7,036	6,922
Whiteville City	n/a	83.9%	86.4%	84.0%	81.4%	881	66.0	\$7,200	2,657
Craven	42.8%	87.4%	90.7%	93.5%	86.0%	1003	60.8	\$6,840	14,261
Cumberland	38.2%	81.3%	82.8%	88.3%	82.1%	955	64.5	\$6,648	52,107
Currituck	47.4%	91.3%	92.3%	>=95%	92.7%	1013	64.7	\$7,439	3,673
Dare	28.4%	89.5%	89.7%	94.3%	91.1%	1060	65.7	\$8,256	4,718
Davidson	41.8%	88.2%	90.6%	92.6%	88.5%	1014	65.7	\$5,854	19,270
Lexington City	n/a	79.7%	90.2%	83.5%	77.4%	882	40.4	\$8,360	3,097
Thomasville City	n/a	73.2%	62.0%	86.7%	81.4%	899	58.4	\$7,590	2,573
Davie	38.0%	88.1%	89.2%	95.0%	90.4%	1003	65.3	\$6,508	6,017
Duplin	32.1%	77.4%	82.7%	87.0%	83.9%	902	56.3	\$6,977	8,680
Durham	30.6%	76.3%	79.6%	82.9%	75.5%	1005	58.5	\$7,912	30,120
Edgecombe	44.6%	76.2%	83.8%	82.3%	77.0%	902	55.0	\$7,212	7,492
Forsyth	40.9%	83.2%	84.4%	87.1%	81.1%	1015	65.3	\$7,211	46,953
Franklin	37.7%	77.2%	78.9%	85.1%	76.6%	937	56.7	\$6,755	7,792
Gaston	35.1%	84.7%	87.6%	87.1%	84.4%	989	58.4	\$6,404	30,556
Gates	29.1%	76.3%	83.5%	87.8%	81.1%	956	59.5	\$8,403	1,947
Graham	29.2%	81.0%	80.0%	>=95%	87.0%	1002	69.0	\$8,974	1,192
Granville	27.2%	82.4%	83.5%	86.6%	83.7%	972	56.2	\$6,473	8,595
Greene	39.5%	71.4%	77.6%	83.9%	75.9%	971	49.3	\$7,914	3,154
Guilford	28.4%	81.9%	84.2%	88.6%	82.2%	994	65.7	\$7,384	65,118
Halifax	53.4%	81.0%	83.6%	73.5%	71.9%	789	43.4	\$8,083	5,339
Roanoke Rapids City	n/a	83.2%	82.0%	87.1%	81.7%	1005	56.5	\$7,320	2,965
Weldon City	n/a	81.0%	77.2%	69.2%	69.2%	791	55.0	\$9,464	1,065
Harnett	44.1%	80.3%	81.8%	89.3%	83.4%	987	60.0	\$6,314	16,589
Haywood	41.2%	90.5%	93.9%	90.6%	87.4%	1030	61.9	\$7,366	7,776
Henderson	31.9%	89.0%	91.9%	92.0%	90.7%	1066	65.1	\$6,792	12,048
Hertford	30.4%	73.1%	74.3%	79.4%	78.5%	808	43.6	\$7,930	3,541
Hoke	56.8%	70.6%	72.6%	80.6%	77.0%	870	45.0	\$6,662	6,366
Hyde	62.3%	81.6%	85.7%	86.3%	88.2%	1004	86.0	\$13,377	657
Iredell-Statesville	35.5%	88.2%	90.7%	91.4%	89.4%	1034	65.0	\$6,257	18,922
Mooresville City	n/a	91.1%	93.8%	89.1%	89.4%	1025	74.4	\$6,591	4,280
Jackson	77.5%	82.5%	83.7%	89.0%	82.7%	1025	63.0	\$7,992	3,557

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	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2004	2004	2004
Johnston	35.2%	84.9%	89.0%	91.8%	88.5%	1033	64.7	\$6,648	24,801
Jones	53.3%	76.8%	89.9%	91.6%	65.4%	874	51.4	\$10,009	1,359
Lee	40.7%	86.6%	89.6%	88.4%	84.5%	1005	52.2	\$6,633	8,924
Lenoir	56.2%	82.2%	83.7%	89.6%	85.4%	962	50.6	\$6,965	10,106
Lincoln	32.6%	83.0%	89.2%	88.9%	87.9%	1012	63.0	\$6,451	11,233
Macon	29.0%	87.8%	93.4%	93.2%	86.1%	996	62.6	\$7,147	4,073
Madison	50.1%	88.9%	94.2%	85.7%	84.3%	1026	65.4	\$8,151	2,536
Martin	41.5%	75.6%	76.5%	91.0%	88.8%	931	64.0	\$7,786	4,444
McDowell	40.9%	85.2%	87.2%	93.3%	87.1%	1030	69.1	\$6,915	6,426
Mecklenburg	30.7%	83.8%	85.9%	85.6%	81.1%	1004	53.0	\$7,300	112,698
Mitchell	56.3%	83.8%	88.0%	93.6%	88.4%	1048	71.6	\$7,533	2,302
Montgomery	42.5%	76.0%	81.0%	84.0%	80.2%	943	59.4	\$7,622	4,423
Moore	31.2%	84.1%	91.1%	91.8%	88.7%	1042	69.9	\$7,004	11,669
Nash-Rocky Mount	45.2%	77.5%	81.0%	87.7%	81.4%	934	67.8	\$6,792	17,894
New Hanover	37.7%	89.7%	91.2%	91.4%	87.8%	1025	62.6	\$7,525	22,173
Northampton	40.1%	70.8%	71.2%	77.7%	75.3%	810	53.5	\$8,482	3,202
Onslow	50.3%	84.1%	88.2%	92.9%	89.0%	1000	61.1	\$6,361	21,573
Orange	20.9%	87.0%	86.6%	89.8%	85.0%	1047	56.7	\$8,125	6,449
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City	n/a	91.4%	93.8%	>=95%	94.9%	1185	74.5	\$9,106	10,590
Pamlico	57.1%	91.2%	88.0%	91.8%	83.7%	973	70.7	\$8,609	1,705
Pasquotank	31.3%	77.2%	78.2%	87.7%	76.7%	924	54.3	\$7,073	5,829
Pender	28.1%	82.2%	84.5%	93.5%	89.5%	954	63.8	\$6,995	6,932
Perquimans	103.2%	81.2%	81.4%	83.3%	78.6%	940	55.9	\$9,219	1,682
Person	43.0%	82.6%	82.5%	92.0%	85.6%	931	72.1	\$6,522	5,742
Pitt	38.7%	75.7%	80.4%	87.6%	82.9%	997	55.7	\$6,887	20,905
Polk	41.6%	93.3%	>=95%	>=95%	92.6%	1063	71.2	\$8,341	2,388
Randolph	38.9%	80.6%	87.0%	88.3%	85.0%	984	60.8	\$5,984	17,834
Asheboro City	n/a	76.5%	81.3%	87.2%	84.4%	1016	58.5	\$6,851	4,384
Richmond	49.4%	78.0%	84.9%	86.2%	77.6%	939	71.1	\$6,873	8,172
Robeson	44.8%	76.5%	80.7%	82.8%	80.3%	874	44.0	\$6,651	23,705
Rockingham	37.2%	80.0%	83.9%	89.4%	81.8%	978	63.9	\$7,020	14,412
Rowan-Salisbury	42.9%	83.0%	81.5%	88.9%	85.5%	987	63.7	\$6,466	20,557
Rutherford	48.1%	84.8%	87.2%	87.0%	85.7%	967	66.5	\$6,633	9,874
Sampson	47.6%	79.9%	86.3%	88.5%	87.5%	902	64.6	\$6,841	8,038
Clinton City	n/a	80.1%	85.0%	86.4%	85.5%	908	72.9	\$7,224	2,773
Scotland	23.4%	79.8%	87.0%	85.1%	84.7%	951	52.9	\$7,991	6,797
Stanly	34.1%	86.9%	89.0%	93.5%	90.6%	1000	71.2	\$6,579	9,778
Stokes	46.3%	83.4%	87.5%	91.7%	87.4%	971	64.9	\$7,160	7,307
Surry	42.7%	85.5%	92.1%	92.9%	91.7%	1024	65.9	\$6,676	8,492
Elkin City	n/a	87.4%	89.7%	>=95%	>=95%	992	87.8	\$7,566	1,183
Mount Airy City	n/a	85.5%	90.3%	>=95%	89.8%	1016	72.5	\$7,515	1,852
Swain	40.8%	78.3%	78.3%	92.3%	82.5%	974	66.9	\$8,604	1,782
Transylvania	37.0%	90.8%	94.7%	92.5%	92.5%	1051	65.5	\$7,470	3,759
Tyrrell	32.0%	69.8%	74.4%	>=95%	>=95%	948	56.1	\$11,746	635
Union	29.5%	87.2%	91.2%	92.0%	88.3%	1035	71.9	\$6,301	26,621
Vance	38.8%	79.0%	84.9%	79.1%	68.8%	868	53.7	\$7,084	8,007
Wake	27.2%	88.5%	90.3%	92.0%	88.2%	1075	72.4	\$6,989	108,396
Warren	58.7%	67.3%	72.8%	83.3%	80.7%	860	52.4	\$7,836	3,065
Washington	43.7%	68.2%	70.5%	71.0%	65.1%	850	60.2	\$9,232	2,131
Watauga	26.3%	92.1%	94.5%	>=95%	94.3%	1101	73.8	\$7,424	4,633
Wayne	35.5%	80.6%	83.8%	86.3%	83.1%	968	58.6	\$6,435	19,076
Wilkes	55.3%	80.0%	85.5%	88.3%	91.0%	1012	60.7	\$6,993	9,947
Wilson	34.3%	82.4%	84.2%	90.3%	88.7%	965	60.0	\$6,749	12,221
Yadkin	40.9%	80.1%	85.8%	90.9%	88.6%	999	65.7	\$6,352	5,963
Yancey	58.3%	84.6%	87.2%	>=95%	93.5%	1022	70.9	\$7,549	2,525

Notes: Regulated Child Care includes all child care that is monitored by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development. Types of care include: licensed child care providers, religious sponsored programs, and providers with temporary or provisional licenses. Percentages calculated by Action for Children using data from the N.C. State Demographics office, <http://demog.state.nc.us/>.

Education data reflect only public school data. Private and charter schools are not included in the data.

End-of-Grade test results are reported by the Department of Public Instruction as >=95% if a school has a score of 95% or higher.

Per Pupil Expenditures include federal, state and local contributions but exclude capital expenses.

For more information about indicators please see the Data Notes and Definitions section of this publication. Source data can be found in the Data Sources section of this publication.

# North Carolina Counties



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