

2015 CATAWBA COUNTY Community DATA SNAPSHOT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

- **154,810**
- **2% of the state population**

Age Range	Children	Percent
Under 5 years	9,670	6.3%
5 to 14 years	20,739	13.5%
15 to 19 years	10,322	6.7%
20 to 39 years	29,463	24.3%
40 to 64 years	54,391	35.3%
65 to 84 years	19,199	12.5%
85 years and over	2,574	1.7%
Median Age	39.6	

Race & Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
Caucasian	81.7%
African-American	8.4%
Other Race	4.1%
Asian	3.5%
Hispanic*	8.4%

Military Service and Veterans

- According to a 2013 estimate there were approximately **11,011** civilian veterans in Catawba County.

Category	People	%
Has no service-connected disability rating	9,378	85%
Has a service-connected disability rating:	1,633	15%
Male: Veteran	10,399	94%
Male Veterans 18 to 34	987	9%
Male Veterans 35 to 64 years:	4665	45%
Male Veterans 65 and over	4747	46%
Female: Veteran	612	5%
Female Veterans 18 to 34 years:	140	23%
Female Veterans 35 to 64 years:	355	58%
Female Veterans 65 and over:	117	18%

POVERTY & ECONOMIC WELLBEING

Families & Poverty

- In 2014, **23.4%** of Catawba County Families were **living below poverty**.
- During 2014, **15.2%** of individuals over the age of 16 in Catawba County were **living in poverty**.
- **Below poverty** means that the total family income was less than the **poverty threshold** specified for the family size, age of householder, and number of related children under age 18²
- In 2013, the per capita income in the past 12 months for Catawba County residents was **\$23,232**.
- **41.90%** of female headed households with children under 18 years of age were living below poverty level compared to **8.80%** of married couple households.

Employment

- As of March 2015, unemployment in Catawba County was as high as **5.6%** (**3,965 of 74,087 labor force were unemployed**)
- Of the workforce aged 25 years and older in 2013-2014, **17.7%** had less than a high school diploma or equivalent, **30%** had a high school diploma or equivalent, **19.10%** attended some college, **10.50%** had an Associate's Degree, **16.20%** had a Bachelor's Degree and **6.5%** had a Graduate Degree.

Food Assistance

- In FY 2013-2014, the average number of Food Assistance recipients was **28,335**.
- In FY 2013-2014 the Backpack Program served **1,200 children with 273,000 meals**.
- In 2014, Senior Nutrition Programs for Persons 60+ served **119,726** meals to **1,539** unduplicated seniors.
- **1,056** volunteers donated **23,378** hours of service to the program and delivered meals.
- In 2014, Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry reported that **23,022** unduplicated individuals received food assistance.
- In 2014, over **19,000** unduplicated individuals received food assistance from Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry.
- The Hickory Soup Kitchen serves approximately **70,800** meals annually.
- Approximately **36,000** meals are served annually by The Corner Table in Newton.

Households and Living Arrangements

2013 Households	Percent of Households
with 1 or more persons over 60	38%
with 1 or more persons under 18	31.90%
with one or more persons in the household with a disability	29.40%

Catawba County

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE	Households	% of Households
Total households	60,887	100%
Family households with no children	24,046	57.5%
Families with children under 18 years	17,772	29.2%
Married couples with children under 18 years	11,985	19.7%
Male head of household with children under 18 years	1,630	2.7%
Female head of household with children under 18 years	4,157	6.8%
ages 16 to 64 living alone	15,964	26.2%
65 years old, living alone	6,162	10.1%

There are **1,257 children** under the age of 18 living with their **Grandparents** in Catawba County. That is **35.2%** of children under the age of 18.

Housing Type

Housing Tenure 2013	Housing Units	Percent of Housing Units
Occupied Housing Units	58,533	100%
Owned	41,631	71.1%
Rented	16,902	28.9%

EARLY CHILDHOOD & PRESCHOOL

Childcare in Catawba County

- In 2014, **49%** (4,427 of 8,963) of Catawba County children 0-5 years old attended a childcare facility compared to 40% in 2013.
- In 2014, **75%** of children in childcare were in 4 or 5 star center compared to 73% in 2013.
- In 2014, the average cost of childcare for an infant 0-36 months old is **\$139.47/week** and **\$121.32/week** for a preschooler.
- In 2014, **1,837 eligible children, parents, or families received assistance to pay for child care**

Licensed Childcare (2014)

- **48** childcare centers
- **17** public pre-kindergartens
- **13** family childcare homes (home-based care)
- **27** school-age programs (before and after school care)

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Child Abuse & Neglect

- In FY 2013-2014, Catawba County DSS received **1,793** Child Protective Service reports on **3,680** children accepted for assessment (based on state criteria)
- **1,527** findings of no maltreatment involving **3,139** children.
- **266** findings of maltreatment involving **541** children.
- In FY 2013-2014, **261** families (**555** children) received CPS Family In-Home Treatment services as a result of a finding.
- In FY 2013-2014, Social Services had an average of **204** children in foster care. There is a desperate need for more foster home in the county to keep children in their own community.

Teen Pregnancy

- In 2014, Catawba County had a teen pregnancy rate of **33%** per 1,000 15-19 year olds compared to the state rate of **35.2%**
- Teen pregnancy rates by age were **12.9%** for girls ages 15-17 and **64.7%** for girls ages 18-19.
- The percentage of repeat pregnancies was **26.40%**.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

- In 2013, Catawba County reported **671** cases of sexually transmitted diseases.

Infant Mortality

	2012 Infant Deaths	2012 Rate	2013 Infant Deaths	2013 Rate
NORTH CAROLINA	883	7.4	832	7
CATAWBA	6	3.3	9	5.4

Disability Status

Catawba Citizens County 2013:	Citizens	%
With a disability	19,752	12.9%
Under 18 years with a disability	1,126	3.1%
18 to 64 year with a disability	10,304	10.9%
65 years and over with a disability	8,322	37.6%

Uninsured Information

- In 2013 **15.90% (24,422)** of Catawba County citizens over 18 years of age did not have health insurance coverage.
- **5.80% (2,114)** of Catawba County citizens under the age of 18 did not have health insurance coverage in 2013.

CRIME

Crime Rates and Information

- In 2014, the rate of undisciplined* juveniles in Catawba County per 1000 youth ages 6 to 17 years old was **4.44%** down slightly from the 2013 rate of **4.62%**.
- In 2014, the rate of delinquent* juveniles in Catawba County per 1000 youth ages 6 to 15 years old was **19.77%** which is down from **24.71%** the previous year.
- The rate per 100,000 people of Crime Index offenses reported to law enforcement agencies throughout North Carolina decreased **7%** during 2013 when compared to the figures reported in 2012.
- The rate of violent crime (which includes murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) decreased **5.4%** statewide. Individually, the murder rate decreased **3.8%**, the rape rate decreased **10.2%**, the robbery rate decreased **1.9%**, and the aggravated assault rate decreased **6.4%**.
- The rate of property crime (which consists of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) decreased **7.2%** across the state.
- For Crime Index offenses, the number of juveniles under the age of 18 arrested declined **11%** in 2013, while adults arrested for Crime Index offenses decreased **5%**. For violent crime, juveniles under the age of 18 arrested increased **1%**, while adult arrests decreased **8%**. For property crime, the number of juveniles under 18 arrested declined **13%**, while adult arrests decreased **3%**.

Source: <http://crimereporting.ncdoj.gov/public/2013/ASR/2013%20Annual%20Summary.pdf>