

**United Way & our partner agencies are changing our focus to empower self-sufficiency to reduce poverty.**

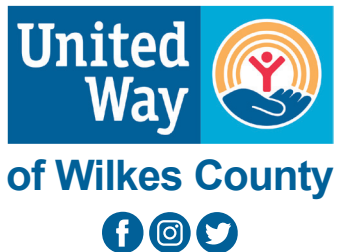
**Our Community Impact Initiatives:**

- ✓ High School Senior College Scholarship to Wilkes Community College
- ✓ Scholarships for Adults (Age 20+) at Wilkes Community College
- ✓ 211 of North Carolina
- ✓ Stuff the Bus
- ✓ Free Tax Preparation (myfreetaxes.com)
- ✓ Family Wise/Single Care Prescription Card

**Why should you invest in United Way?**

We are local.

Dollars raised in our community STAY in our community to build a better Wilkes County.



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**2-1-1**

North Carolina

A professional, caring NC 2-1-1 call specialist is standing by to assist you or someone you know in need. Simply dial 2-1-1 to be connected with assistance, healthcare and much more right here in our community. The call is free, confidential and available 24/7/365.

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# EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

You have the **power** to turn lives around and reduce poverty in Wilkes County.

**YOUR GIFT OF \$2 A DAY** > Provides 1 adult basic education for one year

**YOUR GIFT OF \$9 A WEEK** > Gives 1 backpack of food to 1 child for the weekend

**YOUR GIFT OF \$25 A MONTH** > Provides 1 pack of hygiene products, underwear, and socks for 1 homeless client

**YOUR GIFT OF \$500 A YEAR** > Gives 50 foster grandparents  
3 days at school to help 200 children who needs one-on-one assistance

## POVERTY RATES By Geographic Location

United States	11.9%
North Carolina	13.4%
Wilkes County	17.1%

### By Age

Under 12	24%
Ages 12-17	9%
Ages 18-34	22%
Ages 35-54	20%
Ages 55-64	11%
Ages 65+	14%

### By Marital Status

Married with Children	24%
Unmarried with Children	9%



**65,784** is the total population in Wilkes County.

**11,249** people are living in poverty.

## How does poverty affect our community?

Impoverished children are greatly affected, more prone to low earnings, crime, and drugs. Many fail to complete high school, limiting their economic success. Education leads to better job prospects, higher wages, and lower unemployment rates.

By providing equitable access and motivation for low-income children to stay in school, we can boost economic productivity. Poverty increases costly health conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Reducing poverty fosters a healthier society and economy.