

Alleghany County

Alleghany County has a population of 11,281, an increase of 2.1% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...



Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 254 people looking for work compared to 109 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 5.7% to 5.3%.



Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 52.3% of renters.

15.8% did not have health insurance.

There are 452 residents for every mental health provider.



Address Structural Barriers to Equality

47.8% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 17 times greater than the poorest fifth and 4 times the typical household.

... make the investments needed to power prosperity for more people and places in our state.



Poverty and Economic Hardship				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of people living in poverty		20.6%	15.4%	
	Black	13.1%	26.1%	
	White	16.8%	11.5%	2012-
	Latinx	43.8%	31.5%	2010
	Asian	0%	12.9%	
	American Indian	3.5%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate		34.7%	21.7%	2016

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics				
	County	State	Year	
Jobless worker : Job openings	254:109	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018	
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.3%	Dec. 2017	
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	686 fewer	422,055 more	2016	
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$20.98	\$21.95	2016	
Hourly median wage	\$14.43	\$16.31	2016	
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew 10 cents	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016	
Median Household Income	\$35,965	\$50,595	2016	

Access to Affordable Housing				
	County	State	Year	
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	52.3%	50.6%	2012- 2016	
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$642	\$821	2017	
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/ week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$12.35	\$15.79	2017	

Healthy Lives and Communities				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance		15.8%	13.2%	2012- 2016
Life expectancy		77.2 years	78 years	2014
	Black	***	75.6 years	2014- 2016
	White	77.7 years	78.8 years	2010
Mental health provider : residents		1:452	1:464	2017

Educational Attainment				
		County	State	Year
Gradua	tion rate	86.3%	86.5%	
	Black	***	83.9%	
	White	86.7%	89.3%	2016-
	Latinx	88.2%	80.5%	2017
	Asian	***	93.8%	
	American Indian	***	84.3%	
	age of adults with	18.6%	29%	
Bachelo	or's degree, men	21.8%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women		15.3%	29.8%	2012- 2016
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's		\$47,188	\$57,765	2010
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's		\$33,750	\$38,851	

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty				
	County	State	Year	
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	14.0%	13.5%	Dec. 2017	
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	979	1,204,039	2013	

^{*}The Living Income Standard is a measure of what a family needs in order to cover the basic expenses. ** Lawmakers allowed the state EITC to expire in 2013. *** Insufficient data