Brunswick County

Brunswick County has a population of 127,758, an increase of 32.5% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...

- **Provide Jobs and Opportunities**
  - There were 3,428 people looking for work compared to 963 job openings.
  - In the past year, the county’s unemployment rate has gone from 6.7% to 6.1%.

- **Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services**
  - Rent was unaffordable for 55.3% of renters.
  - 14.1% did not have health insurance.
  - There are 1,282 residents for every mental health provider.

- **Address Structural Barriers to Equality**
  - 35.1% of residents are low-income ($48,600 or less for a family of four).
  - The richest 5% of households have an average income 23 times greater than the poorest fifth and 6 times the typical household.

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

The Budget & Tax Center’s Economic Snapshots provide a look at how well counties in North Carolina are faring across key indicators of economic well-being and opportunity.

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Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics

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<td>Median Household</td>
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Access to Affordable Housing

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<td>55.3%</td>
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<td>two-bedroom unit</td>
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<td>$16.98</td>
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<td>(Number of hours/week a</td>
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Healthy Lives and Communities

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<td>Life expectancy</td>
<td>78.6%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>78.5%</td>
<td>75.6%</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>78.5%</td>
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<td>Mental health provider</td>
<td>1 : 1,282</td>
<td>1 : 464</td>
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Educational Attainment

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<td>83.8%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>88.9%</td>
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<td>American Indian</td>
<td>81.8%</td>
<td>84.3%</td>
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<td>Percentage of adults with</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degrees</td>
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<td>Median salary, men with</td>
<td>$50,465</td>
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<td>Median salary, women with</td>
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Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty

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<td>receiving SNAP</td>
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<td>Income Tax Credit**</td>
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* 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