

# Burke County

Burke County has a population of 89,198, an increase of 1.0% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 1,728 people looking for work compared to 1,327 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.8% to 4.2%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 48.1% of renters.

13.8% did not have health insurance.

There are 406 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

43.3% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 22 times greater than the poorest fifth and 5 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	17.7%	15.4%	2012-2016
Black	27.7%	26.1%	
White	17.4%	11.5%	
Latinx	51%	31.5%	
Asian	8.2%	12.9%	
American Indian	21.2%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate	26.6%	21.7%	2016

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	13.8%	13.2%	2012-2016
Life expectancy	76.3 years	78 years	2014-2016
Black	76.4 years	75.6 years	
White	76.1 years	78.8 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 406	1 : 464	2017

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	1,728 : 1,327	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.3%	Dec. 2017
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	1,057 more	422,055 more	2016
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$20.11	\$21.95	2016
Hourly median wage	\$14.91	\$16.31	2016
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 79 cents	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016
Median Household Income	\$41,383	\$50,595	2016

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	86.3%	86.5%	2016-2017
Black	>95%	83.9%	
White	83.9%	89.3%	
Latinx	85.5%	80.5%	
Asian	>95%	93.8%	
American Indian	***	84.3%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	16.9%	29%	2012-2016
Bachelor's degree, men	18.8%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women	14.8%	29.8%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$46,316	\$57,765	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$37,235	\$38,851	

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	48.1%	50.6%	2012-2016
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$680	\$821	2017
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$13.08	\$15.79	2017

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	13.2%	13.5%	Dec. 2017
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	7,966	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