

# Forsyth County

Forsyth County has a population of 375,559, an increase of 9.7% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 8,301 people looking for work compared to 8,850 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.7% to 4.3%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 52.3% of renters.

13% did not have health insurance.

There are 401 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

39.7% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 32 times greater than the poorest fifth and 7 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	17.5%	15.4%	2012-2016
Black	29.8%	26.1%	
White	10.2%	11.5%	
Latinx	42.6%	31.5%	
Asian	12.9%	12.9%	
American Indian	28.1%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate	24.5%	21.7%	2016

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	8,301 : 8,850	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	Dec. 2017
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	8,761 more	422,055 more	2016
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$20.50	\$21.95	2016
Hourly median wage	\$16.93	\$16.31	2016
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 40 cents	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016
Median Household Income	\$48,987	\$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	\$753	\$821	2017
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$14.48	\$15.79	2017

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	13%	13.2%	2012-2016
Life expectancy	78.3 years	78 years	2014-2016
Black	76 years	75.6 years	
White	79.2 years	78.8 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 401	1 : 464	2017

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	86.5%	86.5%	2016-2017
Black	83.3%	83.9%	
White	90.4%	89.3%	
Latinx	78.1%	80.5%	
Asian	94%	93.8%	
American Indian	91.7%	84.3%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	33.6%	29%	2012-2016
Bachelor's degree, men	33.8%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women	33.4%	29.8%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$52,886	\$57,765	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$38,085	\$38,851	

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	14.3%	13.5%	Dec. 2017
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	32,162	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