Johnston County

Johnston County has a population of 190,375, an increase of 25.0% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...

- **Provide Jobs and Opportunities**
  - There were 3,940 people looking for work compared to 2,077 job openings.
  - In the past year, the county’s unemployment rate has gone from 4.4% to 4%.

- **Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services**
  - Rent was unaffordable for 53.3% of renters.
  - 14.6% did not have health insurance.
  - There are 1,160 residents for every mental health provider.

- **Address Structural Barriers to Equality**
  - 35.3% of residents are low-income ($48,600 or less for a family of four).
  - The richest 5% of households have an average income 16 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.

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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<tr>
<td>Jobless worker : Job openings</td>
<td>3,940 : 2,077</td>
<td>150,919 : 141,253</td>
<td>Jan. 2018</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>Dec. 2017</td>
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<td>Change in number of people employed since December 2007</td>
<td>17,079 more</td>
<td>422,055 more</td>
<td>2016</td>
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<td>Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)</td>
<td>$25.07</td>
<td>$21.95</td>
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<td>Hourly median wage</td>
<td>$14.5</td>
<td>$16.31</td>
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<td>Change in median wage since the recovery began</td>
<td>fell 16 cents</td>
<td>fell 15 cents</td>
<td>2009, 2016</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$55,174</td>
<td>$50,595</td>
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### Access to Affordable Housing

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<td>Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent</td>
<td>53.3%</td>
<td>50.6%</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
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<td>Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit</td>
<td>$993</td>
<td>$821</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<td>Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)</td>
<td>$19.10</td>
<td>$15.79</td>
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### Healthy Lives and Communities

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<td>Percentage of residents without health insurance</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
<td>13.2%</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
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<td>Life expectancy</td>
<td>Black 78 years</td>
<td>78 years</td>
<td>2014-2016</td>
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<td>White 78.3 years</td>
<td>78.8 years</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<td>Mental health provider : residents</td>
<td>1 : 1,160</td>
<td>1 : 464</td>
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### Educational Attainment

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<td>Graduation rate</td>
<td>92.2%</td>
<td>86.5%</td>
<td>2016-2017</td>
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<td>Black 89.1%</td>
<td>83.9%</td>
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<td>White 84.7%</td>
<td>89.3%</td>
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<td>Latinx 86.9%</td>
<td>80.5%</td>
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<td>Asian &gt;95%</td>
<td>93.8%</td>
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<td>American Indian 87.5%</td>
<td>84.3%</td>
<td>2016-2017</td>
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<td>Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees</td>
<td>21.2%</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree, men</td>
<td>23.2%</td>
<td>28.2%</td>
<td>2012-2016</td>
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<td>Bachelor's degree, women</td>
<td>19.0%</td>
<td>29.8%</td>
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<td>Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's</td>
<td>$60,154</td>
<td>$57,765</td>
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<td>Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's</td>
<td>$37,490</td>
<td>$38,851</td>
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### Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty

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<td>Percentage of residents receiving SNAP</td>
<td>13.0%</td>
<td>13.5%</td>
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<td>Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**</td>
<td>14,583</td>
<td>1,204,039</td>
<td>2013</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