

# Macon County

Macon County has a population of 35,701, an increase of 6.0% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 757 people looking for work compared to 407 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 5.1% to 4.4%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 41.0% of renters.

17.8% did not have health insurance.

There are 673 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

46.7% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 27 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	16.4%	15.4%	2012-2016
Black	27.7%	26.1%	
White	16.1%	11.5%	
Latinx	45.6%	31.5%	
Asian	24.4%	12.9%	
American Indian	5.6%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate	26.4%	21.7%	2016

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	757 : 407	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.3%	Dec. 2017
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	1,493 fewer	422,055 more	2016
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$22.66	\$21.95	2016
Hourly median wage	\$14.41	\$16.31	2016
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 67 cents	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016
Median Household Income	\$41,140	\$50,595	2016

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	41.0%	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	17.8%	13.2%	2012-2016
Life expectancy	77.8 years	78 years	2014-2016
Black	***	75.6 years	
White	77.7 years	78.8 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 673	1 : 464	2017

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	91.7%	86.5%	2016-2017
Black	***	83.9%	
White	92.6%	89.3%	
Latinx	87.8%	80.5%	
Asian	***	93.8%	
American Indian	***	84.3%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	22.8%	29%	2012-2016
Bachelor's degree, men	23.3%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women	22.3%	29.8%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$45,636	\$57,765	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$31,294	\$38,851	

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	12.4%	13.5%	Dec. 2017
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	2,911	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