

# New Hanover County

New Hanover County has a population of 226,410, an increase of 17.0% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 5,192 people looking for work compared to 5,398 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.6% to 4.1%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 53.5% of renters.

12.4% did not have health insurance.

There are 271 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

35.2% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 31 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 | 17.3%  | 15.4% | 2012-2016 |
| Black                                  | 32.3%  | 26.1% |           |
| White                                  | 13.6%  | 11.5% |           |
| Latinx                                 | 36.2%  | 31.5% |           |
| Asian                                  | 24.5%  | 12.9% |           |
| American Indian                        | 10.6%  | 28.1% |           |
| Child poverty rate                     | 20.5%  | 21.7% | 2016      |

| Healthy Lives and Communities                    |            |            |           |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
|  | County     | State      | Year      |
| Percentage of residents without health insurance | 12.4%      | 13.2%      | 2012-2016 |
| Life expectancy                                  | 79 years   | 78 years   | 2014-2016 |
| Black  | 73.4 years | 75.6 years |           |
| White  | 80.1 years | 78.8 years |           |
| Mental health provider : residents               | 1 : 271    | 1 : 464    | 2017      |

| Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics                   |               |                   |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------|------------|
|   | County        | State             | Year       |
| Jobless worker : Job openings                           | 5,192 : 5,398 | 150,919 : 141,253 | Jan. 2018  |
| Unemployment rate                                       | 4.1%          | 4.3%              | Dec. 2017  |
| Change in number of people employed since December 2007 | 15,074 more   | 422,055 more      | 2016       |
| Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)          | \$23.70       | \$21.95           | 2016       |
| Hourly median wage                                      | \$15.67       | \$16.31           | 2016       |
| Change in median wage since the recovery began          | fell 71 cents | fell 15 cents     | 2009, 2016 |
| Median Household Income                                 | \$51,373      | \$50,595          | 2016       |

| Educational Attainment                          |          |          |           |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|
|   | County   | State    | Year      |
| Graduation rate                                 | 83.4%    | 86.5%    | 2016-2017 |
| Black   | 77.3%    | 83.9%    |           |
| White   | 86.8%    | 89.3%    |           |
| Latinx  | 73%      | 80.5%    |           |
| Asian   | 90.6%    | 93.8%    |           |
| American Indian                                 | >95%     | 84.3%    |           |
| Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees    | 37.9%    | 29%      | 2012-2016 |
| Bachelor's degree, men                          | 37.9%    | 28.2%    |           |
| Bachelor's degree, women                        | 38.0%    | 29.8%    |           |
| Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's   | \$54,490 | \$57,765 |           |
| Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's | \$36,234 | \$38,851 |           |

| Access to Affordable Housing  |         |         |           |
|---|---------|---------|-----------|
|   | County  | State   | Year      |
| Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent   | 53.5%   | 50.6%   | 2012-2016 |
| Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit   | \$915   | \$821   | 2017      |
| Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit) | \$17.60 | \$15.79 | 2017      |

| Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty                      |        |           |           |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|
|  | County | State     | Year      |
| Percentage of residents receiving SNAP                         | 10.5%  | 13.5%     | Dec. 2017 |
| Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit** | 15,486 | 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