

Orange County

Orange County has a population of 144,928, an increase of 11.0% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...



Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 2,866 people looking for work compared to 5,414 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4% to 3.6%.



Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 50.4% of renters.

8.4% did not have health insurance.

There are 163 residents for every mental health provider.



Address Structural Barriers to Equality

30.0% of residents are lowincome (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 38 times greater than the poorest fifth and 8 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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Poverty and Economic Hardship				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of people living in poverty		12.8%	15.4%	
	Black	24.4%	26.1%	
	White	11.7%	11.5%	2012-
	Latinx	24.3%	31.5%	2010
	Asian	12.3%	12.9%	
	American Indian	31.3%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate		11.4%	21.7%	2016

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics				
	County	State	Year	
Jobless worker : Job openings	2,866 : 5,414	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.3%	Dec. 2017	
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	8,255 more	422,055 more	2016	
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$28.06	\$21.95	2016	
Hourly median wage	\$21.21	\$16.31	2016	
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew \$2.16	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016	
Median Household Income	\$65,299	\$50,595	2016	

Access to Affordable Housing				
	County	State	Year	
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	50.4%	50.6%	2012- 2016	
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$978	\$821	2017	
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/ week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$18.81	\$15.79	2017	

Healthy Lives and Communities				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance		8.4%	13.2%	2012- 2016
Life expectancy		81.5 years	78 years	2014
	Black	75.1 years	75.6 years	2014- 2016
	White	82.5 years	78.8 years	
Mental health provider : residents		1:163	1:464	2017

Educational Attainment				
		County	State	Year
Graduation rate		89.1%	86.5%	
	Black	89%	83.9%	
	White	89.5%	89.3%	2016-
	Latinx	85.7%	80.5%	2017
	Asian	>95%	93.8%	
	American Indian	***	84.3%	
	tage of adults with or's degrees	57.7%	29%	
Bachel	or's degree, men	58.9%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women		56.3%	29.8%	2012-
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's		\$53,828	\$57,765	2010
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's		\$37,620	\$38,851	

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty				
	County	State	Year	
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	7.0%	13.5%	Dec. 2017	
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	6,919	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