

# Rutherford County

Rutherford County has a population of 67,264, an increase of 1.9% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 1,592 people looking for work compared to 839 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 6.2% to 6%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 48.4% of renters.

14% did not have health insurance.

There are 810 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

48.3% of residents are low-income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 20 times greater than the poorest fifth and 5 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	18.6%	15.4%	2012-2016
Black	27.9%	26.1%	
White	17.6%	11.5%	
Latinx	38.7%	31.5%	
Asian	7.2%	12.9%	
American Indian	2.9%	28.1%	
Child poverty rate	26.4%	21.7%	2016

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	14%	13.2%	2012-2016
Life expectancy	75.3 years	78 years	2014-2016
Black	73.4 years	75.6 years	
White	75.7 years	78.8 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 810	1 : 464	2017

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	1,592 : 839	150,919 : 141,253	Jan. 2018
Unemployment rate	6%	4.3%	Dec. 2017
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	5,664 fewer	422,055 more	2016
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$21.54	\$21.95	2016
Hourly median wage	\$13.04	\$16.31	2016
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 98 cents	fell 15 cents	2009, 2016
Median Household Income	\$38,699	\$50,595	2016

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	85%	86.5%	2016-2017
Black	87.1%	83.9%	
White	83.9%	89.3%	
Latinx	84.6%	80.5%	
Asian	>95%	93.8%	
American Indian	***	84.3%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	16.7%	29%	2012-2016
Bachelor's degree, men	18.0%	28.2%	
Bachelor's degree, women	15.3%	29.8%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$49,534	\$57,765	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$33,718	\$38,851	

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	48.4%	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

Work and Income Supports to Avoid Poverty			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	17.3%	13.5%	Dec. 2017
Number of people eligible for state Earned Income Tax Credit**	6,443	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