

# Caldwell County

Caldwell County has a population of 83,022, an increase of 0.6% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 1,616 people looking for work compared to 1,003 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.1% to 4%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 46.2% of renters.

14% did not have health insurance.

There are 1,640 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

41.4% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 23 times greater than the poorest fifth and 6 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	16.3%	14.7%	2013-2017
Black	27.2%	24.9%	
White	14.5%	11.1%	
Latinx	31.9%	30.1%	
Asian	4.2%	12.7%	
American Indian	64%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate	22.1%	21%	2017

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	14%	12.1%	2013-2017
Life expectancy	75.6 years	77.6 years	2015-2017
Black	75.2 years	75.3 years	
White	75.7 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 1,640	1 : 439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	14.3%	13%	2018

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	1,616 : 1,003	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	4%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	65 more	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$18.16	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$15.06	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 74 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$44,798	\$52,797	2017

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	88.5%	86.3%	2017-2018
Black	>95%	83.2%	
White	88.5%	89.6%	
Latinx	85.7%	79.9%	
Asian	90.9%	93.4%	
American Indian	***	84.4%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	14.8%	29.9%	2013-2017
Bachelor's degree, men	14%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women	15.6%	30.7%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$46,393	\$60,022	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$37,517	\$40,260	

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	46.2%	48.7%	2013-2017
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$683	\$850	2018
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$13.13	\$15.79	2018

\*The Living Income Standard is a measure of what a family needs in order to cover the basic expenses. \*\*\* Insufficient data

**For data sources, visit [NCJustice.org/snapshots](http://NCJustice.org/snapshots)**