

Harnett County

Harnett County has a population of 132,791, an increase of 18.6% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...



Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 2,619 people looking for work compared to 1,346 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.7% to 4.5%.



Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 47.1% of renters.

11.9% did not have health insurance.

There are 1,125 residents for every mental health provider.



Address Structural Barriers to Equality

40.1% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 20 times greater than the poorest fifth and 4 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%	14.7%	
	Black	27.5%	24.9%	
	White	12.8%	11.1%	2013- 2017
	Latinx	28.2%	30.1%	2017
	Asian	4.2%	12.7%	
	American Indian	20.7%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate		22.9%	21%	2017

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	2,619 : 1,346	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	4.5%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	4,158 more	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$21.58	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$15.06	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew 94 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$51,406	\$52,797	2017

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	47.1%	48.7%	2013- 2017
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$793	\$850	2018
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/ week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$15.25	\$15.79	2018

Healthy Lives and Communities				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance		11.9%	12.1%	2013- 2017
Life expectancy		76.8 years	77.6 years	2015
	Black	76.1 years	75.3 years	2015- 2017
	White	77.2 years	78.4 years	2017
Mental health provider : residents		1:1,125	1:439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP		13.8%	13%	2018

	Educational Attainment			
		County	State	Year
Gradua	tion rate	86.2%	86.3%	
	Black	83.1%	83.2%	
	White	87.6%	89.6%	2017-
	Latinx	85.1%	79.9%	2018
	Asian	>95%	93.4%	
	American Indian	86.7%	84.4%	
	tage of adults with or's degrees	20.3%	29.9%	
Bachel	or's degree, men	18.9%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women		21.7%	30.7%	2013-
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's		\$56,778	\$60,022	2017
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's		\$36,494	\$40,260	

^{*} 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