

# Mitchell County

Mitchell County has a population of 15,301, a decrease of 1.9% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 311 people looking for work compared to 143 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.6% to 4.4%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 47.5% of renters.

13.2% did not have health insurance.

There are 1,256 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

37% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 18 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	16.7%	14.7%	2013-2017
Black	17.1%	24.9%	
White	14.4%	11.1%	
Latinx	31.4%	30.1%	
Asian	31.3%	12.7%	
American Indian	20.9%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate	25.6%	21%	2017

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	13.2%	12.1%	2013-2017
Life expectancy	76.3 years	77.6 years	2015-2017
Black	***	75.3 years	
White	76.4 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 1,256	1 : 439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	12.8%	13%	2018

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	311 : 143	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	1,142 fewer	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$19.38	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$15.68	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew 35 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$40,589	\$52,797	2017

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	84.9%	86.3%	2017-2018
Black	***	83.2%	
White	86.4%	89.6%	
Latinx	73.3%	79.9%	
Asian	***	93.4%	
American Indian	***	84.4%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	18.1%	29.9%	2013-2017
Bachelor's degree, men	18.2%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women	18%	30.7%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$51,233	\$60,022	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$42,792	\$40,260	

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	47.5%	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)**