

# **Montgomery County**

Montgomery County has a population of 28,094, an increase of 1.1% over the past decade.

#### Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 489 people looking for work compared to 335 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 52.7% of renters.

15.4% did not have health insurance.

There are 915 residents for every mental health provider.



# Address Structural Barriers to Equality

45.7% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 27 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		17.8%	14.7%	
	Black	23.9%	24.9%	
	White	17.1%	11.1%	2013- 2017
	Latinx	19.4%	30.1%	2017
	Asian	2.6%	12.7%	
	American Indian	100%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate		27.3%	21%	2017

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	489:335	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	35 more	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$18.98	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$13.36	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	fell 42 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$43,695	\$52,797	2017

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	52.7%	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

Healthy Lives and Communities				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance		15.4%	12.1%	2013- 2017
Life exp	ectancy	77.8 years	77.6 years	2015- 2017
	Black	74.5 years	75.3 years	
	White	79.1 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents		1:915	1:439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP		14.5%	13%	2018

	Educational Attainment			
		County	State	Year
Gradua	tion rate	89.6%	86.3%	
	Black	94.1%	83.2%	
	White	87.2%	89.6%	2017-
	Latinx	89.3%	79.9%	2018
	Asian	***	93.4%	
	American Indian	***	84.4%	
	age of adults with or's degrees	14%	29.9%	
Bachelo	or's degree, men	13.5%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women		14.5%	30.7%	2013-
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's		\$53,333	\$60,022	2017
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's		\$40,337	\$40,260	

<sup>\*</sup> 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