

North Carolina

North Carolina has a population of 10,477,399, an increase of 11% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...



Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 202,412 people looking for work compared to 302,886 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 4.3% to 3.7%.



Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 48.7% of renters.

12.1% did not have health insurance.

There are 439 residents for every mental health provider.



Address Structural Barriers to Equality

36.5% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 28 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 | | |
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| | State | Year |
| Percentage of people living in poverty | 14.7% | 2013-2017 |
| Black | 24.9% | |
| White | 11.1% | |
| Latinx | 30.1% | |
| Asian | 12.7% | |
| American Indian | 26.2% | |
| Child poverty rate | 21% | 2017 |

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

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

| Educational Attainment | | |
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| | State | Year |
| Graduation rate | 86.3% | 2017-2018 |
| Black | 83.2% | |
| White | 89.6% | |
| Latinx | 79.9% | |
| Asian | 93.4% | |
| American Indian | 84.4% | |
| Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees | 29.9% | 2013-2017 |
| Bachelor's degree, men | 28.9% | |
| Bachelor's degree, women | 30.7% | |
| Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's | \$60,022 | |
| Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's | \$40,260 | |

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