

Orange County

Orange County has a population of 146,375, an increase of 10.7% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...



Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 2,832 people looking for work compared to 5,275 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 3.3% to 3.1%.



Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 48.4% of renters.

8% did not have health insurance.

There are 161 residents for every mental health provider.



Address Structural Barriers to Equality

28.9% of residents are lowincome (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 35 times greater than the poorest fifth and 7 times the typical household.

... make the investments needed to power prosperity for more people and places in our state.

The Budget & Tax Center's Economic Snapshots provide a look at how well counties in North Carolina are faring across key indicators of economic well-being and opportunity.

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Poverty and Economic Hardship				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of people living in poverty		13.4%	14.7%	
	Black	15.3%	24.9%	
	White	11.9%	11.1%	2013- 2017
	Latinx	20.5%	30.1%	2017
	Asian	14.1%	12.7%	
	American Indian	28.1%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate		11.2%	21%	2017

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	2,832 : 5,275	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	3.1%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	9,597 more	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$28.09	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$22.44	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew \$2.93	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$69,422	\$52,797	2017

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	48.4%	48.7%	2013- 2017
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$990	\$850	2018
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/ week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$19.04	\$15.79	2018

Healthy Lives and Communities				
		County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance		8%	12.1%	2013- 2017
Life expectancy		82 years	77.6 years	2015
	Black	75.5 years	75.3 years	2015- 2017
	White	82.8 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents		1:161	1:439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP		6.8%	13%	2018

Educational Attainment				
		County	State	Year
Graduation rate		85.8%	86.3%	
	Black	80.2%	83.2%	
	White	88.3%	89.6%	2017-
	Latinx	82.8%	79.9%	2018
	Asian	***	93.4%	
	American Indian	***	84.4%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees		57.6%	29.9%	
Bachelor's degree, men		56.5%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women		58.6%	30.7%	2013-
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's		\$53,165	\$60,022	2017
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's		\$39,700	\$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