

# Wake County

Wake County has a population of 1,096,786, an increase of 24.3% over the past decade.

## Our communities thrive when we ...



### Provide Jobs and Opportunities

There were 21,140 people looking for work compared to 57,770 job openings.

In the past year, the county's unemployment rate has gone from 3.5% to 3.2%.



### Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services

Rent was unaffordable for 44.4% of renters.

9.6% did not have health insurance.

There are 359 residents for every mental health provider.



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

24.3% of residents are low-income (\$49,200 or less for a family of four).

The richest 5% of households have an average income 21 times greater than the poorest fifth and 5 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	8.9%	14.7%	2013-2017
Black	10.8%	24.9%	
White	5.9%	11.1%	
Latinx	24.9%	30.1%	
Asian	9.7%	12.7%	
American Indian	11.9%	26.2%	
Child poverty rate	11.6%	21%	2017

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	9.6%	12.1%	2013-2017
Life expectancy	81.6 years	77.6 years	2015-2017
Black	77.9 years	75.3 years	
White	82.5 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 359	1 : 439	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	6.7%	13%	2018

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	21,140 : 57,770	202,412 : 302,886	March 2019
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.7%	Dec. 2018
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	135,164 more	489,823 more	2018
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$28.43	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$19.52	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since the recovery began	grew 75 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$77,641	\$52,797	2017

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	89.1%	86.3%	2017-2018
Black	84.1%	83.2%	
White	94.6%	89.6%	
Latinx	77.2%	79.9%	
Asian	>95%	93.4%	
American Indian	81.1%	84.4%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	51%	29.9%	2013-2017
Bachelor's degree, men	51.2%	28.9%	
Bachelor's degree, women	50.7%	30.7%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$72,538	\$60,022	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$44,497	\$40,260	

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	44.4%	48.7%	2013-2017
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$1,026	\$850	2018
Two-bedroom housing wage (Number of hours/week a minimum wage worker would need for a two-bedroom unit)	\$19.73	\$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)**