Washington County

Washington County has a population of 12,271, a decrease of 7.3% over the past decade.

Our communities thrive when we ...

Provide Jobs and Opportunities
There were 290 people looking for work compared to 145 job openings.
In the past year, the county’s unemployment rate has gone from 6.7% to 5.9%.

Ensure Access to Affordable Housing and Health Services
Rent was unaffordable for 60.5% of renters.
12.7% did not have health insurance.
There are 924 residents for every mental health provider.

Address Structural Barriers to Equality
50.1% of residents are low-income ($49,200 or less for a family of four).
The richest 5% of households have an average income 44 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.

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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## Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics

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<th>County</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Jobless worker: Job openings</th>
<th>Unemployment rate</th>
<th>Change in number of people employed since December 2007</th>
<th>Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)</th>
<th>Hourly median wage</th>
<th>Change in median wage since the recovery began</th>
<th>Median Household Income</th>
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<td>290 : 145</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
<td>1,862 fewer</td>
<td>$19.29</td>
<td>$14.82</td>
<td>grew $1.04</td>
<td>$36,171</td>
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<td>202,412 : 302,886</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
<td>489,823 more</td>
<td>$22.94</td>
<td>$17.19</td>
<td>grew 38 cents</td>
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## Healthy Lives and Communities

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<th>County</th>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Percentage of residents without health insurance</th>
<th>Life expectancy</th>
<th>Percentage of residents receiving SNAP</th>
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<td>12.7%</td>
<td>76 years</td>
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<td>12.1%</td>
<td>77.6 years</td>
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## Educational Attainment

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<th>County</th>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Graduation rate</th>
<th>Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees</th>
<th>Bachelor's degree, men</th>
<th>Bachelor's degree, women</th>
<th>Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's</th>
<th>Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's</th>
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|              |         |       | 72.5%           | 9.1%                                        | 10.4%                  | 8.1%                   | $49,028                                        | ***
|              |         |       | 86.3%           | 29.9%                                       | 28.9%                  | 30.7%                  | $60,022                                        | $40,260 |

## Access to Affordable Housing

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<td>$747</td>
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<td>48.7%</td>
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**Healthy Lives and Communities**

- Percentage of residents without health insurance: 12.7% in 2013-2017.
- Percentage of residents receiving SNAP: 23.7% in 2018.

**Educational Attainment**

- Graduation rate: 72.5% in 2017-2018.

**Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics**

- Unemployment rate: 5.9% in Dec. 2018.
- Change in number of people employed since December 2007: 1,862 fewer in 2018.
- Change in median wage since the recovery began: grew $1.04 in 2009, 2019.

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* The Living Income Standard is a measure of what a family needs in order to cover the basic expenses. *** Insufficient data.

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