

# Alamance County

Alamance County has a population of 174,055, an increase of 14.9% over the past decade.

## We all thrive when we ...



### Expand Access to Health Services

- 11.9% of people do not have health insurance.
- Life expectancy for white newborns is 78.3 years; life expectancy for Black newborns is 75.1 years.
- There is one mental health provider for every 736 residents.



### Provide Affordable Housing for All

- Rent is unaffordable for 50% of renters.
- 25.7% of people spend more than half of their income on rent.
- The median hourly wage is only 70.2% of what's needed for 1 adult and 2 children to make ends meet (LIS\*).



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

- 39.8% of residents are considered low-income (less than \$50,200 for a family of four).\*\*
- The richest 5% of households make an average of 23 times more than the poorest 20% of households.

... make the investments needed to promote shared prosperity for everyone in every county in N.C.

| Poverty and Economic Hardship          |        |       |           |
|--|--------|-------|-----------|
|  | County | State | Year      |
| Percentage of people living in poverty | 13.5%  | 14.1% | 2014-2018 |
| Black                                  | 25%    | 23.5% |           |
| White                                  | 11.6%  | 10.6% |           |
| Latinx                                 | 30.4%  | 28.5% |           |
| Asian                                  | 10%    | 11.9% |           |
| American Indian                        | 22.2%  | 25.1% |           |
| Child poverty rate                     | 19.8%  | 20.2% |           |

| Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics                   |               |                   |            |
|---|---------------|-------------------|------------|
|   | County        | State             | Year       |
| Jobless worker : Job openings                           | 2,959 : 3,041 | 182,598 : 283,392 | Feb. 2020  |
| Unemployment rate                                       | 3.2%          | 3.3%              | 2019       |
| Change in number of people employed since December 2007 | 13,679 more   | 611,291 more      | 2007, 2019 |
| Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)          | \$21.14       | \$22.94           | 2019       |
| Hourly median wage                                      | \$14.83       | \$17.19           | 2019       |
| Change in median wage since 2009 recovery began         | fell 32 cents | grew 38 cents     | 2009, 2019 |
| Median Household Income                                 | \$50,480      | \$53,922          | 2018       |

| Access to Affordable Housing  |                 |                 |           |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
|   | County          | State           | Year      |
| Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent                 | 50.0%           | 52.9%           | 2014-2018 |
| Percentage of people paying more than 50% of income toward rent                 | 25.7%           | 23.9%           | 2014-2018 |
| Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit   | \$812           | \$881           | 2019      |
| Number of hours needed to work to afford a two-bedroom unit at fair market rate | 86 hours a week | 94 hours a week | 2019      |

| Healthy Lives and Communities                    |            |            |           |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
|  | County     | State      | Year      |
| Percentage of residents without health insurance | 11.9%      | 11.1%      | 2014-2018 |
| Life expectancy                                  | 77.5 years | 77.6 years | 2016-2018 |
| Black  | 75.1 years | 75.2 years |           |
| White  | 78.3 years | 78.4 years |           |
| Mental health provider : residents               | 1 : 736    | 1 : 409    | 2019      |
| Percentage of residents receiving SNAP           | 13.0%      | 12.1%      | 2019      |

| Educational Attainment                          |          |          |           |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|
|   | County   | State    | Year      |
| Graduation rate                                 | 82.6%    | 86.5%    | 2018-2019 |
| Black   | 78.7%    | 83.7%    |           |
| White   | 84.8%    | 89.6%    |           |
| Latinx  | 81.8%    | 81.1%    |           |
| Asian   | >95%     | 94.5%    |           |
| American Indian                                 | ***      | 81.2%    |           |
| Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees    | 23.3%    | 29.5%    | 2014-2018 |
| Bachelor's degree, men                          | 21.7%    | 26.4%    |           |
| Bachelor's degree, women                        | 24.6%    | 32.7%    |           |
| Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's   | \$55,286 | \$61,426 |           |
| Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's | \$41,041 | \$41,197 |           |

\* The Living Income Standard is a measure of what a family needs in order to cover the basic expenses. See more at [NCJustice.org/LIS](http://NCJustice.org/LIS).  
 \*\* A family of four is considered low-income if they make below 200% of the federal poverty line, or \$50,200 in 2018.  
 \*\*\* Insufficient data

Note: This County Snapshot provides a pre-COVID-19 economic picture of counties throughout North Carolina.

**For data sources or other counties, visit [NCJustice.org/snapshots](http://NCJustice.org/snapshots)**