

# Brunswick County

Brunswick County has a population of 14,6135, an increase of 35.2% over the past decade.

## We all thrive when we ...



### Expand Access to Health Services

- 11% of people do not have health insurance.
- Life expectancy for white newborns is 78.8 years; life expectancy for Black newborns is 76.7 years.
- There is one mental health provider for every 1121 residents.



### Provide Affordable Housing for All

- Rent is unaffordable for 52.8% of renters.
- 30% of people spend more than half of their income on rent.
- The median hourly wage is only 71.3% of what's needed for 1 adult and 2 children to make ends meet (LIS\*).



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

- 31.1% 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	10.5%	14.1%	2014-2018
Black	23.3%	23.5%	
White	10.3%	10.6%	
Latinx	29%	28.5%	
Asian	9.8%	11.9%	
American Indian	3.1%	25.1%	
Child poverty rate	20.1%	20.2%	

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	2,806 : 1,433	182,598 : 283,392	Feb. 2020
Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.3%	2019
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	5,768 more	611,291 more	2007, 2019
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$20.59	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$14.68	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since 2009 recovery began	grew 48 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$60,163	\$53,922	2018

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	52.8%	52.9%	2014-2018
Percentage of people paying more than 50% of income toward rent	30%	23.9%	2014-2018
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$852	\$881	2019
Number of hours needed to work to afford a two-bedroom unit at fair market rate	90 hours a week	94 hours a week	2019

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	11%	11.1%	2014-2018
Life expectancy	78.6 years	77.6 years	2016-2018
Black	76.7 years	75.2 years	
White	78.8 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 1121	1 : 409	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	9.4%	12.1%	2019

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	84.7%	86.5%	2018-2019
Black	92%	83.7%	
White	83.8%	89.6%	
Latinx	78.9%	81.1%	
Asian	90.9%	94.5%	
American Indian	90%	81.2%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	25.8%	29.5%	2014-2018
Bachelor's degree, men	26.3%	26.4%	
Bachelor's degree, women	25.3%	32.7%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$55,897	\$61,426	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$33,682	\$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.

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