Robeson County

Robeson County has a population of 130,529, a decrease of 2.9% over the past decade.

We all thrive when we ...

Expand Access to Health Services

- 15% of people do not have health insurance.
- Life expectancy for white newborns is 74.6 years; life expectancy for Black newborns is 72.1 years.
- There is one mental health provider for every 529 residents.

Provide Affordable Housing for All

- Rent is unaffordable for 49.8% of renters.
- 24.4% of people spend more than half of their income on rent.
- The median hourly wage is only 73.5% of what’s needed for 1 adult and 2 children to make ends meet (LIS*).

Address Structural Barriers to Equality

- 54.8% of residents are considered low-income (less than $50,200 for a family of four)**
- The richest 5% of households make an average of 32 times more than the poorest 20% of households.

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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.
### Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics

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<td>Child poverty rate</td>
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### Percentage of people living in poverty and ability to afford the basics.

#### Change in number of people employed since December 2007
- 5,497 fewer
- 611,291 more
- 2007, 2019

#### Living Income Standard*
- wage (1 adult, 2 kids): $18.73
- Hourly median wage: $13.77
- Change in median wage since 2009 recovery began:
  - grew 46 cents
  - grew 38 cents
  - 2009, 2019
- Median Household Income: $35,407

#### Median Household Income
- County: $35,407
- State: $53,922
- Year: 2018

### Access to Affordable Housing

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* 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.

** 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