

# Scotland County

Scotland County has a population of 35,690, a decrease of 1% over the past decade.

## We all thrive when we ...



### Expand Access to Health Services

- 11.6% of people do not have health insurance.
- Life expectancy for white newborns is 75.6 years; life expectancy for Black newborns is 73.7 years.
- There is one mental health provider for every 561 residents.



### Provide Affordable Housing for All

- Rent is unaffordable for 55.8% of renters.
- 34.0% of people spend more than half of their income on rent.
- The median hourly wage is only 77.4% of what's needed for 1 adult and 2 children to make ends meet (LIS\*).



### Address Structural Barriers to Equality

- 51.8% of residents are considered low-income (less than \$50,200 for a family of four).\*\*
- The richest 5% of households make an average of 26 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	26.9%	14.1%	2014-2018
Black	42.5%	23.5%	
White	16%	10.6%	
Latinx	29.2%	28.5%	
Asian	6.6%	11.9%	
American Indian	22.8%	25.1%	
Child poverty rate	41.8%	20.2%	

Jobs and Ability to Afford the Basics			
	County	State	Year
Jobless worker : Job openings	779 : 640	182,598 : 283,392	Feb. 2020
Unemployment rate	5.7%	3.3%	2019
Change in number of people employed since December 2007	1,885 fewer	611,291 more	2007, 2019
Living Income Standard* wage (1 adult, 2 kids)	\$18.42	\$22.94	2019
Hourly median wage	\$14.26	\$17.19	2019
Change in median wage since 2009 recovery began	grew 4 cents	grew 38 cents	2009, 2019
Median Household Income	\$36,730	\$53,922	2018

Access to Affordable Housing			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of people paying more than 30% of income toward rent	55.8%	52.9%	2014-2018
Percentage of people paying more than 50% of income toward rent	34.0%	23.9%	2014-2018
Fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit	\$696	\$881	2019
Number of hours needed to work to afford a two-bedroom unit at fair market rate	74 hours a week	94 hours a week	2019

Healthy Lives and Communities			
	County	State	Year
Percentage of residents without health insurance	11.6%	11.1%	2014-2018
Life expectancy	74.2 years	77.6 years	2016-2018
Black	73.7 years	75.2 years	
White	75.6 years	78.4 years	
Mental health provider : residents	1 : 561	1 : 409	2019
Percentage of residents receiving SNAP	27.0%	12.1%	2019

Educational Attainment			
	County	State	Year
Graduation rate	81.2%	86.5%	2018-2019
Black	87.3%	83.7%	
White	77.2%	89.6%	
Latinx	90%	81.1%	
Asian	***	94.5%	
American Indian	71.9%	81.2%	
Percentage of adults with Bachelor's degrees	13.2%	29.5%	2014-2018
Bachelor's degree, men	11.5%	26.4%	
Bachelor's degree, women	14.8%	32.7%	
Median salary, men with at least a Bachelor's	\$40,708	\$61,426	
Median salary, women with at least a Bachelor's	\$39,813	\$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)**