HENDERSON COUNTY

Henderson County has a population of 118,500, an increase of 10% over the past decade. North Carolina’s population increased by 9% over the past decade.

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Henderson County communities thrive when ...

... people can meet their basic needs

- Rent is unaffordable for 46% of renters
- 12% of people don’t have health insurance
- There is one mental health provider for every 460 residents

... good jobs are accessible to everyone

- There are 3 candidates for every job opening*
- There are 1% more people working in April 2022 than before the COVID-19 pandemic (February 2020) and 15% more than before the Great Recession (December 2007)

... the economy works for everyone

- 29% of residents are considered low-income (less than $55,500 for a family of four)**
- The richest 5% of households make an average of 20 times more than the poorest 20% of households

* Candidates include all people willing to work in the county, regardless of county of residence

** A family of four is considered low-income if they make below 200% of the federal poverty line, or $55,500 in 2022

Note: Some data points in this County Snapshot reflect pre-COVID-19 conditions; refer to the dates for individual measures.
### Table 1: Poverty and Economic Hardship

| County       | State | Living in poverty, 2016-2020 | Percentage of people living in poverty | Black | 18% | 21% | White | 9% | 10% | Latinx | 23% | 24% | Asian & Pacific Islander | 7% | 10% | American Indian | NA | 24% | Percentage of children living in poverty | 17% | 20% |
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### Table 2: Employment

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### Table 3: Educational Attainment

| County       | State | High school graduation, 2021 | High school graduation rate | Black | 93% | 84% | White | 94% | 90% | Latinx | 89% | 82% | Asian & Pacific Islander | >95 | >95 | American Indian | NA | 83% | College degrees, 2016-2020 | Percentage of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher | 32% | 32% | Men | 31% | 31% | Women | 32% | 33% | Median earnings for men with a bachelor's degree | $50,800 | $64,900 | Median earnings for women with a bachelor's degree | $37,600 | $43,600 |

### Table 4: Income and Ability to Afford the Basics

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### Table 5: Access to Affordable Housing

| County       | State | Rent burden, 2016-2020 | Percentage of renter households paying more than 30% of income on rent | Percentage of renter households paying more than 50% of income on rent | Fair market rent, 2021 | Fair market monthly rent for a two-bedroom home | Number of work hours at minimum wage it takes to afford a two-bedroom home at fair market rent | 136 hours per week | 102 hours per week |

### Table 6: Healthy Lives and Communities

| County       | State | Health insurance, 2016-2020 | Percentage of residents without health insurance | Life expectancy, 2018-2020 | Life expectancy in years | Black | 75% | 73% | White | 79% | 78% | Mental health providers, 2021 | Residents per mental health provider | 460 | 360 | Food assistance, May 2022 | Percentage of residents receiving SNAP | 10% | 15% |

1 Does not include people who also have a graduate degree.
11 The Living Income Standard is a measure of what a family needs in order to cover basic expenses. See more at NCBudget.org/LIS.
NA values indicate insufficient data for this county.
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