

# WATAUGA COUNTY

## 2019 NC DATA CARD

### NORTH CAROLINA

Child population: 2,312,886  
 Percent under age six: 31%  
 Number of live births: 120,099

### WATAUGA

Child population: 9,015  
 Percent under age six: 31%  
 Number of live births: 398



Women who receive early prenatal care:

**83.4%**  
2017

80.7% 2016

Babies born at a low birthweight:

**8.5%**  
2017

7.9% 2016

Babies born pre-term:

**13.9%**  
2017

12.0% 2016



Children living in poor or low-income homes:

**42.2%**  
2017

46.0% 2016

Children in households that are food insecure:

**21.5%**  
2016

22.8% 2015

Median family income:

**\$41,541**  
2013-2017

\$39,443 2012-2016



Children in foster care per 1,000:

**13.4**  
2017

14 2016

Children assessed for abuse or neglect per 1,000:

**28.0**  
2017

39.5 2016

Teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-17:

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2017

-- 2016



3rd grade students scoring proficient in reading:

**71.3%**  
2017-2018

68.4% 2016-2017

High school students graduating on time\*:

**89.6%**  
2018

91.2% 2017

Residents with bachelor's degree or higher:

**41.7%**  
2017

38.9% 2016



Children without health insurance:

**5.2%**  
2017

7.3% 2016

Infant mortality per 1,000 live births:

**20.1**  
2017

2.7 2016

Child deaths per 100,000:

**53.8**  
2017

37.1 2016



NC Pathways to Grade-Level Reading whole-child Measure of Success.  
 Learn more at: [www.buildthefoundation.org/pathways](http://www.buildthefoundation.org/pathways).

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Why is this important?

This data snapshot shows how children and families are faring in 15 key areas of well-being. Access to high-quality health care is an important factor to maintaining a child's physical, mental, and emotional health. Research shows that when parents have health insurance, they have healthier babies, they are better able to stay healthy and care for their children, and their kids are more likely to have health coverage and use it.

## COVERAGE GAP PROFILE

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Uninsured rates are high among those working in construction, retail, and food service. These fields rarely offer health insurance to employees. In this county, for instance, **35.6%** of residents work in these industries. Without employer-provided health insurance, it can be nearly impossible for people to get health care when they need it.



Right now, **5,337**  
people in  
**WATAUGA COUNTY**  
have no health coverage.

That's why it's time to close the health insurance coverage gap.

## What is the "Coverage Gap"?

Parents with two children who earn \$12,000/year earn too much for Medicaid. They cannot get a subsidy to buy private insurance in the marketplace until they earn \$25,750.

For complete data notes and sources, visit [www.ncchild.org](http://www.ncchild.org). Contact Whitney Tucker, research director, with questions at [whitney@ncchild.org](mailto:whitney@ncchild.org)

\*Percentage is not reported if it is greater than 95 percent or less than 5 percent.

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