

# NEW HANOVER COUNTY

## 2020 NC DATA CARD

### NORTH CAROLINA

Child population: 2,311,348  
Percent under age six: 31%  
Number of live births: 118,957

### NEW HANOVER

Child population: 43,021  
Percent under age six: 32%  
Number of live births: 2,146



#### A STRONG START

Women who receive  
early prenatal care:

**66.5%**

2018

67.4% 2017

Babies born at  
a low birthweight:

**8.7%**

2018

8.9% 2017

Babies born  
pre-term:

**11.9%**

2018

10.6% 2017



#### FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Children living in  
poor or low-income homes:

**40.4%**

2018

41.5% 2017

Children in households  
that are food insecure:

**20.1%**

2017

20.3% 2016

Median family  
income:

**\$52,716**

2014-2018

\$51,457 2013-2017



#### NURTURING HOMES & COMMUNITIES

Delinquency rate per  
1,000 youth ages 6-15:

**11.5**

2018

- - 2017

Children assessed for  
abuse or neglect per 1,000:

**80.9**

2018

76.9 2017

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

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2018

8.2 2017



#### HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

3rd grade students  
scoring proficient in reading:

**61.6%**

2018-2019

60.2% 2017-2018

High school students  
graduating on time\*:

**87.6%**

2019

86.0% 2018

Residents with bachelor's  
degree or higher:

**39.3%**

2018

38.9% 2017



#### HEALTH & WELLNESS

Children without  
health insurance:

**7.2%**

2018

5.0% 2017

Infant mortality per  
1,000 live births:

**7.5**

2018

6.2 2017

Child deaths  
per 100,000:

**47.7**

2018

46.5 2017



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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## → HERE'S WHAT IS CHANGING FOR KIDS SINCE THE PANDEMIC STRUCK

Fallout from the Coronavirus pandemic has meant that many more families are struggling with basic needs. These County Data Cards highlight key indicators of child well-being that elected officials should track, and respond to, in their communities.

- These data benchmarks indicate how North Carolina's children were faring before COVID-19 struck.
- Many families are fighting new and increased stressors like job loss, hunger, untreated health concerns, and isolation away from community support. Traumatic episodes like these are shown to have long-term impacts on children's healthy development.
- Officials should use these data points as a baseline and watch for changes as we move from emergency response into long-term recovery.

## QUESTIONS for ELECTED OFFICIALS and CANDIDATES:

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Many families are experiencing hunger for the first time. School and child care-based feeding programs have become lifelines in many communities. *What is your plan to ensure families can continue meeting basic needs, like affordable food?*



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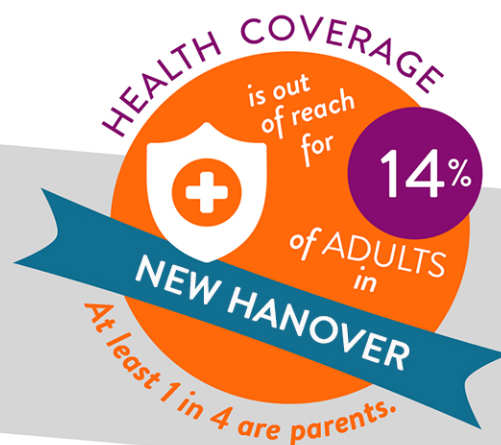
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CHILDREN live in POOR or LOW-INCOME homes



2

When the emergency period ends, a second crisis will hit many families. Parents and caregivers will have to pay off months of housing, utilities, and other bills that were put on hold. *What policies will you focus on to help families who are financially struggling to make ends meet so they can provide for their children?*



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Hundreds of thousands of North Carolina families have lost the health insurance they previously received through their jobs. *What is your plan to get affordable health coverage to more parents and caregivers in North Carolina?*

*Share this County Data Card with leaders and elected officials in your community!*