

# How Healthy Are Tyrrell Children?



**A woman's health** and well-being before pregnancy sets the stage for her baby's future health outcomes.



**1 in 23 births** in Tyrrell County (4.4%) is to a woman who received very late or no prenatal care, putting both mother and baby at higher risk for pregnancy complications or poor birth outcomes.

**Low birth weight** has been found to be the strongest predictor of infant mortality. **1 in 9 Tyrrell babies** is born at a low birth weight.



**35.7%** of Tyrrell children live in poverty. Poverty is linked to greater risk for health challenges like:

- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Obesity
- Developmental delays



**Health insurance** coverage helps children achieve and maintain their best health. **1 in 9 Tyrrell** children (11.6%) is uninsured, 55 of whom may be income eligible for Medicaid or NC Health Choice.



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

A baby born today in Tyrrell County would live 4.4 less years than a baby born in the county with the highest life expectancy.

## We can improve child health



- Expand Medicaid to cover adults below 138 percent of the federal poverty line.
- Support interventions to reduce infant mortality, like the CFTF Healthy Babies Bundle.
- Invest in early intervention services to reduce the effects of developmental delays

## Quick Facts

4,272 people live in Tyrrell County. 1 in 6 residents ( 767) is a child under the age of 18.

The child population is 34.5% African American, 0.1% American Indian, 2.7% Asian, 11.1% Latino and 46.8% non-Hispanic White.

The median household income is \$34,216.

230 children in Tyrrell (29.8%) live in food insecure households.

ACCESS TO CARE AND PREVENTION	Tyrrell			NORTH CAROLINA	
	2013	2009	% CHANGE	2013	2009
Percent of children uninsured <sup>1</sup> :					
All children	11.6%	**	**	7.4%	**
Children below 200 percent of poverty	7.9%	**	**	8.9%	**
Number of children ages 0-3 receiving early intervention services <sup>2</sup>	11	21	-47.6%	19,914	17,606
Asthma hospital discharges per 100,000 children ages 0-14	152.9	0.0	100. %	148.9	175.0
Medicaid enrolled children who use dental services:					
Ages 1-5	64.0%	58.8%	8.9%	67.0%	55.0%
Ages 6-14	70.7%	58.6%	20.7%	71.0%	62.0%
Ages 15-20	37.5%	38.5%	-2.7%	52.0%	48.0%

DEATH AND INJURY	Tyrrell			NORTH CAROLINA	
	2013	2009	% CHANGE	2013	2009
Percent of preterm births (<37 weeks of pregnancy)	8.9%	**	**	11.4%	**
Number of child deaths ages 0-18	1	0	--	1,292	1,486
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births*	22.2	0.0	--	7.0	7.9
Percent of babies born to women who smoke	22.2%	--	--	10.3%	--

HEALTH RISKS	Tyrrell			NORTH CAROLINA	
	2013	2009	%CHANGE	2013	2009
Unemployment rate	12.4%	10.8%	14.8%	7.9	10.6
Teen pregnancies per 1,000 girls ages 15-17	*	*	--	16.6	30.1
Percent of live births to mothers who have less than a high school education	20.0%	**	**	17.0%	**

HEALTH GAPS	TOTAL	AFRICAN AMERICAN	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	LATINO	WHITE
Live births	45	9	0	N/A	6	27
Percent of children in poverty*	35.7%	82.2%	S	S	30.5%	21.4%
Percent of infants born at a low birth weight*	11.1%	0%	N/A	N/A	16.7%	11.1%
Number of infant deaths	1	0	0	N/A	1	0

<sup>1</sup>Five-year estimate for the period ending in the year shown. <sup>2</sup>Sate fiscal year. Health disparity data are for 2013.

\*Rates based on small numbers are unstable and should be interpreted with caution. Percent change is not presented for small numbers. \*\*Due to changes in data collection or methodology, current data are not comparable to the base year. For complete data sources and notes, visit [www.ncchild.org](http://www.ncchild.org) or contact Laila A. Bell at [laila@ncchild.org](mailto:laila@ncchild.org).