HEALTHY *and* READY *for* SUCCESS

Children who:

Are Born Healthy *Are Insured* *Receive Preventative Care*

▶ have the best chance to achieve their best health and thrive.

Unfortunately, not all children have the same chance to be healthy.

Rural Low-Income Children of Color

are more likely to encounter preventable barriers to good health.

In Wake County

3.8% of children are uninsured

33.3% are poor or low-income

African American babies are **1.8x** more likely to be born premature.

If left unaddressed these preventable barriers can become permanent roadblocks:

Educational Challenges

Delayed Development

Social & Emotional Challenges

Let's ensure that more Wake children are HEALTHY *and* READY *for* SUCCESS!

- ✓ *Increase health insurance access for low-income adults of reproductive age.*
- ✓ *Ensure children's access to health insurance.*
- ✓ *Strengthen public policies to promote health equity.*

To view data sources and notes, visit www.ncchild.org.

Wake

2017 County Data Card

Quick Facts

Children's uninsurance rates in Wake County have declined by 53.7% since 2011 due to expanded access to coverage provided by Medicaid, NC Health Choice, and the Affordable Care Act.

There are 1,007,631 residents in Wake County, including 117,807 children ages birth to eight.

Wake's child population is 22.8% African American, 7.4% Asian or Pacific Islander, 0.3% Native American or Alaska Native, 15.3% Hispanic or Latinx, and 54.2% White.[†]

		WAKE		STATE	
	Data Years	Current	Base	Current	Base
A STRONG START					
Women who receive early prenatal care	2015, 2011	67.5%	68.5%	67.8%	71.2%
Babies born at a low birthweight	2015, 2011	7.6%	8.3%	9.2%	9.1%
3 and 4 year olds enrolled in school	2015, 2010[‡‡]	56.8%	54.6%	43.3%	45.8%
FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY					
Children living in poor or low-income homes	2015, 2010[‡‡]	33.3%	29.2%	48.9%	45.1%
Child food insecurity rate	2014	18.4%	--	24.6%	--
Median family income (*2015 dollars*)	2015, 2010[‡‡]	$84,442	$88,583	$57,856	$61,023
Unemployment rate	2015, 2011	4.7%	7.9%	5.8%	10.3%
NURTURING HOMES & COMMUNITIES					
Teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 17	2015, 2011	6.7	8.8	10.9	16.6
Children assessed for abuse or neglect per 1,000	2015, 2011	30.9	32.1	56.5	57.6
Children in foster care per 1,000	2015, 2011	4.0	3.6	6.7	6.3
HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION					
High school students graduating on time	2016, 2012	87.1%	80.6%	85.9%	80.4%
Residents with a bachelor's degree or higher	2015, 2010[‡‡]	49.0%	49.7%	28.4%	29.3%
HEALTH & WELLNESS					
Uninsured					
Children under age 19	2015, 2011	3.8%	8.2%	4.6%	7.9%
Adults ages 18 to 64		12.2%	18.5%	16.2%	23.0%
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	2015, 2011	5.7	7.3	7.3	7.2
Children enrolled in Medicaid/NC Health Choice	2015, 2011	86,497	72,451	1.21M	1.10M
Child deaths per 100,000	2015, 2013[‡‡]	44.9	49.4	57.8	59.1
CHILD POPULATION					
Live Births	2015, 2011	12,867	12,458	120,826	120,403
Percent under age 6	2015, 2011	30.6%	32.9%	31.6%	33.0%
Under age 18	2015, 2011	249,563	238,408	2.30M	2.29M

NC Child

[†]Racial categories are non-Hispanic. [‡‡]Five-year estimate for the period ending in the year shown. *Rates based on small numbers are unstable and should be interpreted with caution. For complete data notes and sources, visit www.ncchild.org. Contact Laila A. Bell, director of research and data, with questions at laila@ncchild.org.