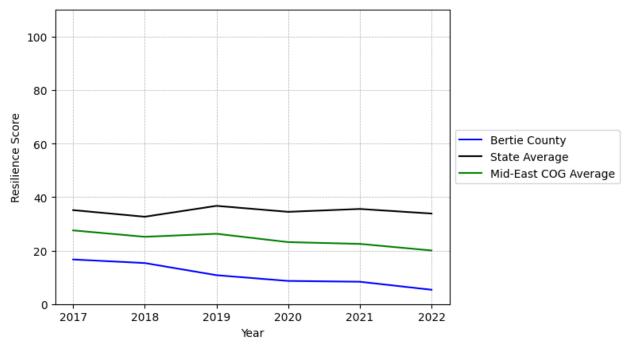
## **Bertie County Summary**

**Resilience Score: 5.35** 

In 2022, Bertie County achieved a Resilience Score of 5.35, which is weak as compared to the North Carolina State average.

# **Bertie County's Resilience Score Over Time As Compared to the Region and State Averages**



Note: Resilience Scores are normalized from 1 to 100 with the most resilient county scoring 100. The Resilience Score is determined based on a county's performance relative to NC's other 99 counties.

Bertie County's Resilience Score is comprised of 9 distinct dimensions of resilience. Below are Bertie County's scores for 2022 on those 9 dimensions, and their rank relative to other North Carolina counties.

### **Business Community Health: 16.9**

This component examines the strength and diversity of the local business community, including factors such as the number of businesses, employment levels, and industry diversity. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 22nd in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Ratio of Available Child Care Slots to Number of Children under Five	0.96	0.59
2nd Strongest	Private Sector Diversity	0.483	0.28
Bottom 10 in NC	Average Weekly Wages	\$818	\$951
Bottom 10 in NC	Percentage of Companies in Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries	2.36%	6.13%
Weakest	Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries Employment Percentage	N/A	1.79%

### **County Government Fiscal Strength: 1**

This component looks at the financial health of local governments, including their ability to generate revenue, manage debt, and maintain adequate reserves to weather economic downturns. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 100th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Capital Assets Condition Ratio of County Government	0.68	0.51
2nd Strongest	Debt Service Ratio of County Government	0.1	0.07
Bottom 10 in NC	Operations Ratio of County Government	1	1.11
Bottom 10 in NC	Dependency Ratio of County Government	0.3	0.16
Bottom 10 in NC	Quick Ratio of County Government	2.53	16.4
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Solvency Ratio of County Government	7.12	46.7

### **Communication: 23.4**

This component assesses the availability and quality of communication infrastructure, such as broadband internet access, which is crucial for businesses and residents to stay connected and resilient during disruptions. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 94th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Strongest	Broadband Availability	0.48	0.6
2nd Strongest	Local High-Speed Mobile Data Availability	0.53	0.66
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Percentage of Population without Smartphones	30.01%	17.22%

### Housing & Transportation: 35.71

This component evaluates the accessibility and affordability of housing, as well as the availability of reliable transportation options, which are essential for a resilient workforce and economy. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 90th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Strongest	Percentage of Households with More Residents than Rooms	1.88%	2.1%
2nd Strongest	Percentage of Owner- Occupied Homes	58.09%	57.87%
Bottom 10 in NC	Percentage of Homes Built Before 1980	52.95%	40.9%
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Percentage of Population without Vehicles	11.31%	5.75%

### Healthcare: 27.41

The healthcare component examines the availability and quality of healthcare facilities, services, and professionals, which are critical for maintaining a healthy and productive workforce. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 45th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Nursing Home Beds per 1,000 Residents of Age 65+	40.43	27.53
2nd Strongest	Opioid Deaths per 100,000 Residents	31.7	38.73
Weakest	Mental Health Professionals per 10,000 Residents	2.95	6.6

### **Community Cohesion: 49.32**

This component looks at the strength of social networks, community engagement, and the ability of residents to work together to address challenges and support one another during times of adversity. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 73rd in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Strongest	Nonprofits Organizations per 1,000 Residents	4.24	3.17
2nd Strongest	Property Crimes per 10,000 Residents	11.5	15.74
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Yearly Population Change Percentage	-2.011%	0.906%

#### Socioeconomics: 5.44

This component considers factors such as income levels, poverty rates, and inequality, which can impact a community's ability to withstand and recover from economic shocks. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 97th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Strongest	Percentage of Households with Income over \$200k	3.79%	5.28%
2nd Strongest	Percentage of Population without Health Insurance	11.95%	11.23%
Bottom 10 in NC	Total Percentage of Population Below 150% Poverty Line	35.76%	25.93%
Bottom 10 in NC	Percentage of Households Spending more than 30% Income on Housing	32.92%	24.53%
Bottom 10 in NC	Percentage of Population without a High School Diploma	14.66%	9.05%
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Gini Coefficient (Income Inequality)	0.54	0.46

### **Education: 11.23**

This component evaluates the quality of educational institutions and the educational attainment levels of the local population, which play a crucial role in developing a skilled and adaptable workforce. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 99th in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Strongest	Dropout Rate	1.76%	1.65%
2nd Strongest	Local LEA Financial Resources (per ADM)	\$5,243	\$8,683
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Teacher Attrition Rate	0.26	0.12

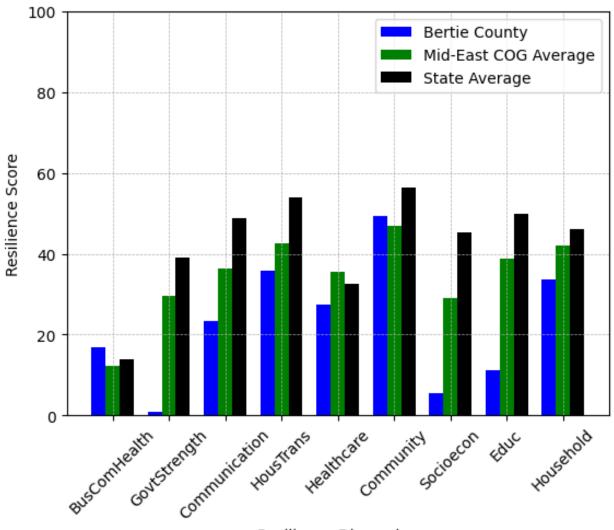
### **Household Characteristics: 33.77**

This component examines factors such as the proportion of single-parent households, age distribution, and the proportion of individuals with disabilities, as these elements can influence a community's resilience and ability to recover from economic disruptions. Bertie County's performance on this dimension is fairly weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 83rd in the state.

Notable variables for Bertie County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	BERTIE COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Percentage of Population with Limited English Proficiency	0.022%	1.454%
2nd Strongest	Percentage of Population 17 and Younger	17.05%	20.37%
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Percentage of Population with a Disability	23.515%	16.566%

### Bertie County's Resilience Dimension Scores Over Time As Compared to the Region and State Averages



Resilience Dimension

Note: Resilience Scores are normalized from 1 to 100 with the most resilient county scoring 100. The Resilience Score is determined based on a county's performance relative to NC's other 99 counties.

### **Notable Trends in Resilience Indicators**, 2017-2022

NOTE: The key trends in the this section are identified based on change rates of at least .15 standard deviations over at least 5 years. Variables are positively oriented such that a positive trend indicates improved performance (e.g., 'improvement' in property crime is a lower crime rate, while 'decline' in property crime indicates a higher crime rate).

### **Trends in the Business Community Health dimension:**

Total Employment Level: -589 (5-year change rate = -9.97%, from 5,913 to 5,324)

↓ Change in rank from 80 to 81 in NC

Average Weekly Wages: **178 dollars** (5-year change rate = **27.81%**, from 640 to 818)

↓ Change in rank from 91 to 92 in NC

Real GDP in Current Dollars: **-81,401 dollars** (5-year change rate = **-11.26%**, from 722,670 to 641,269)

↓ Change in rank from 77 to 78 in NC

### **Trends in the County Government Fiscal Strength dimension:**

Adjusted Tax Base: **16,381 dollars** (5-year change rate = **24.75%**, from 66,182 to 82,563)

↑ Change in rank from 90 to 83 in NC

County Sales Tax: **1,076,374 dollars** (5-year change rate = **48.78%**, from 2,206,723 to 3,283,097)

↑ Change in rank from 91 to 90 in NC

### Trends in the Housing & Transportation dimension:

Ratio of Average Estimated Home Value to Median Income: **2.65** (5-year change rate = **26.84%**, from 9.88 to 12.53)

↑ Change in rank from 69 to 67 in NC

Average Available Rent Money less the Average HUD Fair Market Rent: **342.4 dollars** (5-year change rate = **112.48%**, from 304.4 to 646.8)

↑ Change in rank from 93 to 72 in NC

### **Trends in the Healthcare dimension:**

Opioid Deaths per 100,000 Residents: **10.9** (5-year change rate = 52.4%, from 20.8 to 31.7)

↑ Change in rank from 41 to 34 in NC

Nurses per 10,000 Residents: **-2.12** (5-year change rate = **-2.17%**, from 97.54 to 95.42)

↑ Change in rank from 76 to 72 in NC

Physicians per 10,000 Residents: **2.25** (5-year change rate = **46.49%**, from 4.84 to 7.09)

↑ Change in rank from 84 to 79 in NC

Mental Health Professionals per 10,000 Residents: -1.36 (5-year change rate = -31.55%, from 4.31 to 2.95)

↓ Change in rank from 68 to 87 in NC

### **Trends in the Community Cohesion dimension:**

Violent Crimes per 10,000 Residents: **2.67** (4-year change rate = **163.66%**, from 1.63 to 4.31)

↓ Change in rank from 31 to 77 in NC

Property Crimes per 10,000 Residents: **2.9** (4-year change rate = 33.73%, from 8.6 to 11.5)

↓ Change in rank from 13 to 25 in NC

Nonprofits Organizations per 1,000 Residents: 0.92 (5-year change rate = 27.84%, from 3.31 to 4.24)

↑ Change in rank from 31 to 20 in NC

### **Trends in the Socioeconomics dimension:**

Unemployment Rate (Q4): -1 percent (5-year change rate = -18.18%, from 5.5 to 4.5)

↑ Change in rank from 84 to 80 in NC

Median Household Income: 17,000 dollars (5-year change rate = 42.71%, from 39,800 to 56,800)

↑ Change in rank from 97 to 81 in NC

### **Trends in the Education dimension:**

Graduation Percentage: **1.7 percent** (5-year change rate = **2.04%**, from 83.2 to 84.9)

↓ Change in rank from 80 to 84 in NC

Dropout Rate: **-0.35 percent** (5-year change rate = **-16.36%**, from 2.11 to 1.76)

↓ Change in rank from 44 to 59 in NC

Student to Teacher Ratio: -1 (4-year change rate = -4.22%, from 16 to 16)

↓ Change in rank from 85 to 87 in NC

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency: **1.9 percent** (5-year change rate = **5.99%**, from 31.7 to 33.6)

↑ Change in rank from 99 to 83 in NC

### **Data Advisements:**

- This county has a population under 20,000 residents according to the US Census Bureau; in low population areas, some variable estimates can be less stable and more sensitive to changes.
- Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries Employment Percentage is not available for 2022 and was excluded from calculating this county's dimension and resilience score.
- Availability of Broadband Services is not available for 2022 and was excluded from calculating this county's dimension and resilience score.
- Adoption Rate of Broadband Services is not available for 2022 and was excluded from calculating this county's dimension and resilience score.