

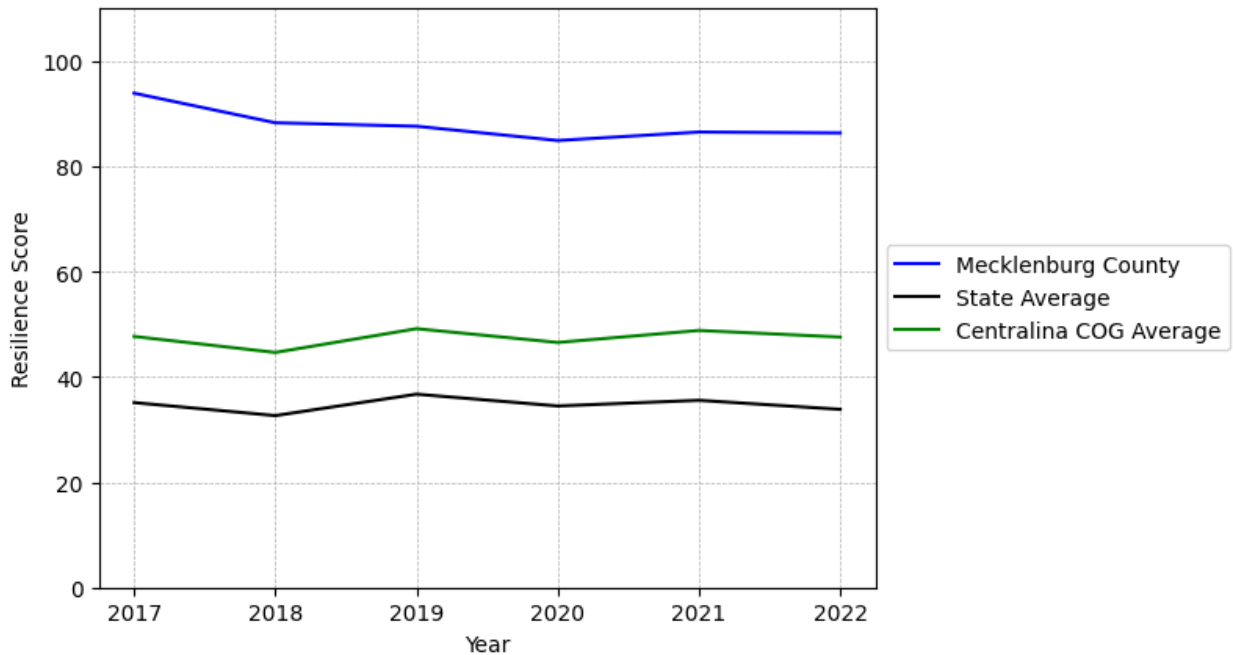
# Mecklenburg County Summary

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**Resilience Score: 86.33**

In 2022, Mecklenburg County achieved a Resilience Score of 86.33, which is strong as compared to the North Carolina State average.

**Mecklenburg 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.*

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

### Business Community Health: 100

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 1st in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Total Employment Level	771,376	45,758
Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest	Real GDP in Current Dollars	\$129,565,466	\$6,092,555
Top 10 in NC	Average Weekly Wages	\$1,527	\$951
Top 10 in NC	Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries Employment Percentage	12.94%	1.79%
Top 10 in NC	Percentage of Companies in Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries	14.33%	6.13%
Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest	Private Sector Diversity	0.016	0.28

### County Government Fiscal Strength: 96.34

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 3rd in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Debt Service Ratio of County Government	0	0.07
Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest	County Sales Tax	\$357,466,208	\$31,151,902
Top 10 in NC	Dependency Ratio of County Government	0.1	0.16
Weakest	Quick Ratio of County Government	9.03	16.4

### Communication: 99.83

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 2nd in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Local High-Speed Mobile Data Availability	1	0.66
Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest	In-Vehicle High-Speed Mobile Data Availability	0.97	0.37
Top 10 in NC	Percentage of Population without Smartphones	7.05%	17.22%
Top 10 in NC, Weakest	Broadband Availability	0.84	0.6

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### Housing & Transportation: 83.87

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 10th in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Ratio of Average Estimated Home Value to Median Income	0.75	13.67
Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest	Average Available Rent Money less the Average HUD Fair Market Rent	\$1,086.7	\$799.87
Weakest	Percentage of Owner-Occupied Homes	51.84%	57.87%

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### Healthcare: 64.44

The healthcare component examines the availability and quality of healthcare facilities, services, and professionals, which are critical for maintaining a healthy and productive workforce.

Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 3rd in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
<b>Top 10 in NC, Strongest</b>	Nurses per 10,000 Residents	1,786.57	262.64
<b>Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest</b>	Physicians per 10,000 Residents	34.48	16.05
<b>Top 10 in NC</b>	Mental Health Professionals per 10,000 Residents	10.29	6.6
<b>Weakest</b>	Nursing Home Beds per 1,000 Residents of Age 65+	24.14	27.53

### Community Cohesion: 34.3

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 91st in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
<b>Strongest</b>	Nonprofits Organizations per 1,000 Residents	4.89	3.17
<b>2nd Strongest</b>	Yearly Population Change Percentage	1.326%	0.906%
<b>Bottom 10 in NC</b>	Property Crimes per 10,000 Residents	31.27	15.74
<b>Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest</b>	Percentage of Inactive Voters	16.31%	11.3%

### Socioeconomics: 69.73

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 15th in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Population 25+ with at least a Bachelor's Degree	47.78%	24.4%
Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest	Median Household Income	\$96,3	\$70,088
Top 10 in NC	Percentage of Households with Income over \$200k	13.62%	5.28%
Weakest	Gini Coefficient (Income Inequality)	0.49	0.46

### Education: 51.71

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 40th in the state.

Notable variables for Mecklenburg County within this dimension include:

VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Local LEA Financial Resources (per ADM)	\$17,896	\$8,683
2nd Strongest	Postsecondary Enrollment Percentage	30.46%	25.48%
Weakest	Graduation Percentage	85.6%	88.03%

### Household Characteristics: 50.91

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. Mecklenburg County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 26th in the state.

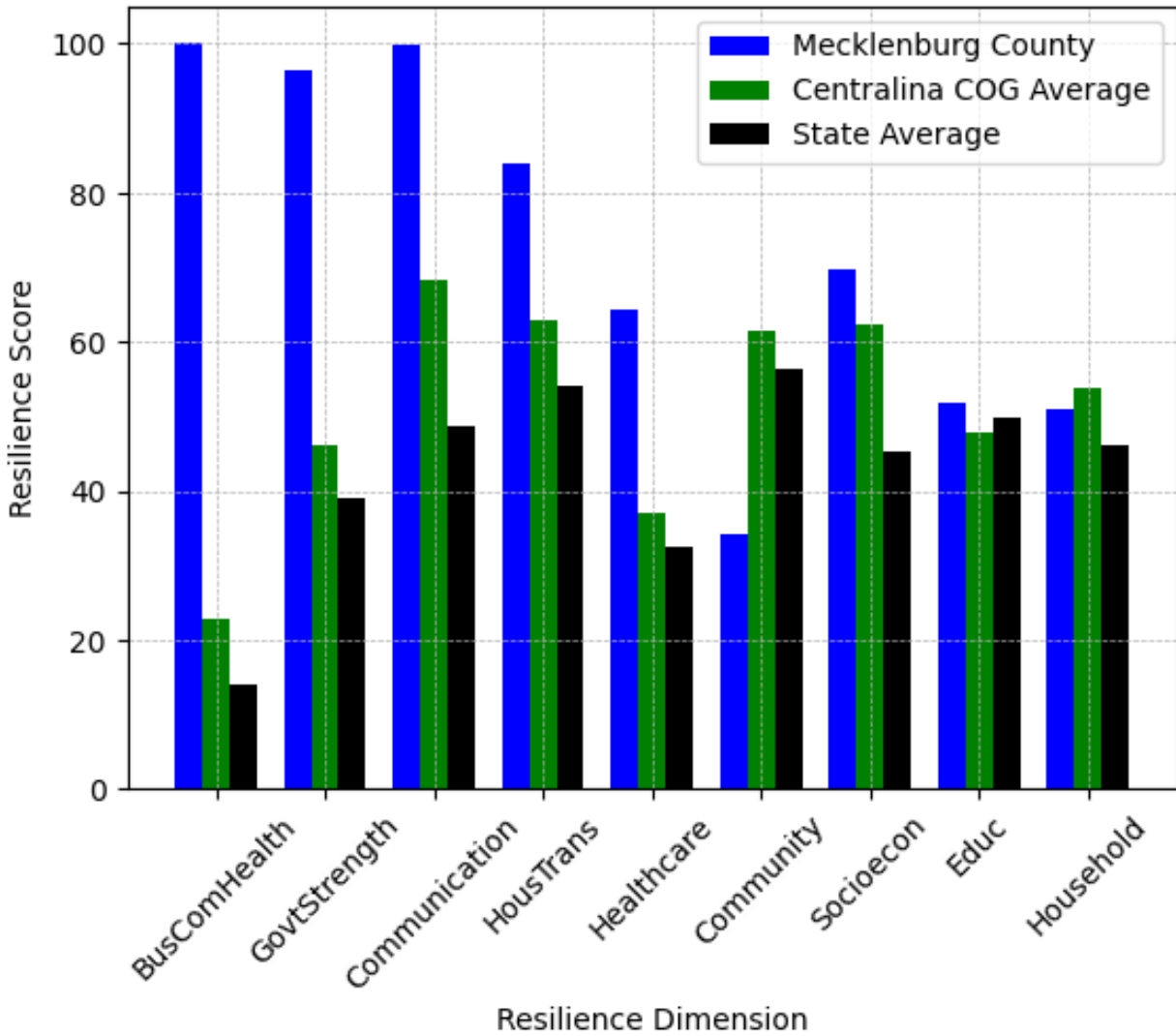
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VARIABLE STRENGTH	FACTOR	MECKLENBURG COUNTY VALUE	NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE
Top 10 in NC, Strongest	Percentage of Population	8.127%	16.566%

	with a Disability		
<b>Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest</b>	Percentage of Population 65 and Older	11.57%	20.53%
<b>Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest</b>	Percentage of Population with Limited English Proficiency	4.589%	1.454%

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



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## **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: **79,183** (5-year change rate = **11.44%**, from 692,193 to 771,376)

→ No change in rank

Average Weekly Wages: **296 dollars** (5-year change rate = **24.05%**, from 1,231 to 1,527)

→ No change in rank

Real GDP in Current Dollars: **17,565,466 dollars** (5-year change rate = **15.68%**, from 112,000,000 to 129,565,466)

→ No change in rank

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

Adjusted Tax Base: **53,036 dollars** (5-year change rate = **45.96%**, from 115,399 to 168,435)

↑ Change in rank from 29 to 14 in NC

County Sales Tax: **115,983,904 dollars** (5-year change rate = **48.03%**, from 241,482,304 to 357,466,208)

→ No change in rank

### **Trends in the Housing & Transportation dimension:**

Ratio of Average Estimated Home Value to Median Income : **0.23** (5-year change rate = **45.37%**, from 0.52 to 0.75)

→ No change in rank

Average Available Rent Money less the Average HUD Fair Market Rent: **356 dollars** (5-year change rate = **48.72%**, from 730.7 to 1,086.7)



↑ Change in rank from 9 to 8 in NC

**Trends in the Healthcare dimension:**

Opioid Deaths per 100,000 Residents: **7** (5-year change rate = **36.65%**, from 19.1 to 26.1)

↑ Change in rank from 36 to 26 in NC

Nurses per 10,000 Residents: **122.29** (5-year change rate = **7.35%**, from 1,664.28 to 1,786.57)

→ No change in rank

Physicians per 10,000 Residents: **3.09** (5-year change rate = **9.84%**, from 31.39 to 34.48)

↑ Change in rank from 8 to 7 in NC

Mental Health Professionals per 10,000 Residents: **1.44** (5-year change rate = **16.27%**, from 8.85 to 10.29)

↑ Change in rank from 16 to 10 in NC

**Trends in the Community Cohesion dimension:**

Violent Crimes per 10,000 Residents: **0.43** (4-year change rate = **7.14%**, from 6 to 6.43)

↑ Change in rank from 89 to 88 in NC

Property Crimes per 10,000 Residents: **-4.09** (4-year change rate = **-11.56%**, from 35.35 to 31.27)

→ No change in rank

Nonprofits Organizations per 1,000 Residents: **0.89** (5-year change rate = **22.28%**, from 4 to 4.89)

↑ Change in rank from 23 to 12 in NC

**Trends in the Socioeconomics dimension:**

Unemployment Rate (Q4): **-0.6 percent** (5-year change rate = **-15.7%**, from 4 to 3.4)

↑ Change in rank from 36 to 32 in NC

Median Household Income: **25,600 dollars** (5-year change rate = **36.21%**, from 70,700 to 96,300)

↑ Change in rank from 9 to 4 in NC

**Trends in the Education dimension:**

Graduation Percentage: **-5.1 percent** (5-year change rate = **-5.62%**, from 90.7 to 85.6)

↓ Change in rank from 28 to 80 in NC

Dropout Rate: **-0.3 percent** (5-year change rate = **-13.62%**, from 2.2 to 1.9)

↓ Change in rank from 48 to 64 in NC

Student to Teacher Ratio: **-1** (4-year change rate = **-4.39%**, from 15 to 14)

↑ Change in rank from 59 to 58 in NC

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency: **-12.8 percent** (5-year change rate = **-22.82%**, from 56.1 to 43.3)

↓ Change in rank from 38 to 52 in NC

**Data Advisements:**

- Availability of Broadband Services is not available for 2022 and was excluded from calculating this county's dimension and resilience score.
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