

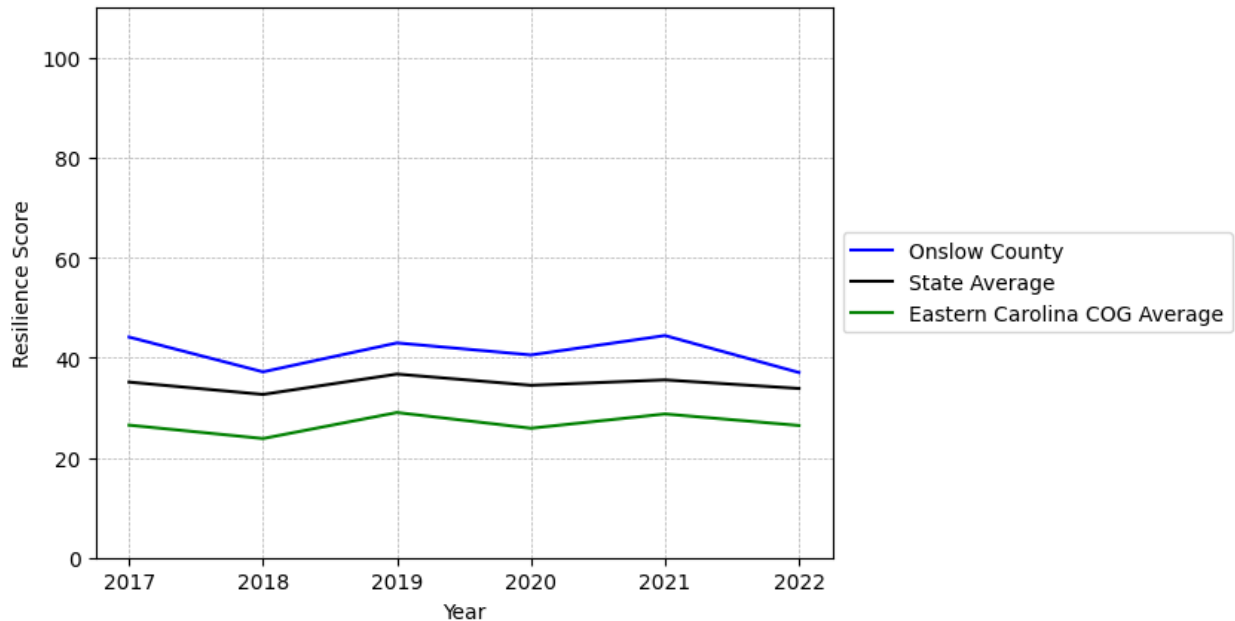
# Onslow County Summary

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**Resilience Score: 37.03**

In 2022, Onslow County achieved a Resilience Score of 37.03, which is average as compared to the North Carolina State average.

**Onslow 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.*

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

### Business Community Health: 5.49

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is fairly weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 86th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH        | FACTOR   | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Strongest                | Real GDP in Current Dollars  | \$9,039,244         | \$6,092,555             |
| 2nd Strongest            | Science, Engineering, & Technology Industries Employment Percentage  | 2.42%               | 1.79%                   |
| Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest | Ratio of Available Child Care Slots to Number of Children under Five | 0.26                | 0.59                    |

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### County Government Fiscal Strength: 45.02

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 46th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH        | FACTOR                                | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Strongest                | County Sales Tax                      | \$64,297,144        | \$31,151,902            |
| 2nd Strongest            | Dependency Ratio of County Government | 0.11                | 0.16                    |
| Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest | Adjusted Tax Base                     | \$72,764            | \$124,092               |

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### Communication: 61.41

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is fairly strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 30th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH       | FACTOR                                       | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Top 10 in NC, Strongest | Percentage of Population without Smartphones | 7.46%               | 17.22%                  |
| 2nd Strongest           | Broadband Availability                       | 0.62                | 0.6                     |
| Weakest                 | Local High-Speed Mobile Data Availability    | 0.65                | 0.66                    |

### Housing & Transportation: 94.55

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 5th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH           | FACTOR   | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Top 10 in NC, Strongest     | Percentage of People Driving Alone to Work                         | 75.77%              | 86.36%                  |
| Top 10 in NC, 2nd Strongest | Percentage of Homes Built Before 1980                              | 26.45%              | 40.9%                   |
| Weakest                     | Average Available Rent Money less the Average HUD Fair Market Rent | \$504.5             | \$799.87                |

### Healthcare: 19.06

The healthcare component examines the availability and quality of healthcare facilities, services, and professionals, which are critical for maintaining a healthy and productive workforce. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is fairly weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 74th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH | FACTOR                                 | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|-------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Strongest         | Nurses per 10,000 Residents            | 254.15              | 262.64                  |
| 2nd Strongest     | Mental Health Professionals per 10,000 | 6.49                | 6.6                     |

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|-------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC,<br/>Weakest</b> | Residents  |       |       |
|                                     | Nursing Home Beds per<br>1,000 Residents of Age<br>65+ | 16.75 | 27.53 |

### Community Cohesion: 36.8

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is weak when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 87th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH                   | FACTOR                                  | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Strongest</b>                    | Violent Crimes per<br>10,000 Residents  | 1.9                 | 3.07                    |
| <b>2nd Strongest</b>                | Property Crimes per<br>10,000 Residents | 14.32               | 15.74                   |
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC,<br/>Weakest</b> | Percentage of Inactive<br>Voters        | 20.06%              | 11.3%                   |

### Socioeconomics: 45.96

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 51st in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| VARIABLE STRENGTH                   | FACTOR  | ONSLow COUNTY VALUE | NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Top 10 in NC, Strongest</b>      | Percentage of Population<br>without a High School<br>Diploma            | 4.32%               | 9.05%                   |
| <b>2nd Strongest</b>                | Gini Coefficient (Income<br>Inequality)                                 | 0.42                | 0.46                    |
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC,<br/>Weakest</b> | Percentage of Households<br>Spending more than 30%<br>Income on Housing | 31.64%              | 24.53%                  |

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**Education: 40.25**

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. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is average when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 63rd in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| <b>VARIABLE STRENGTH</b>        | <b>FACTOR</b>                       | <b>ONSLow COUNTY VALUE</b> | <b>NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Strongest</b>                | Dropout Rate                        | 0.84%                      | 1.65%                          |
| <b>2nd Strongest</b>            | Graduation Percentage               | 90.5%                      | 88.03%                         |
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC</b>          | Student to Teacher Ratio            | 16                         | 14                             |
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest</b> | Postsecondary Enrollment Percentage | 13.98%                     | 25.48%                         |

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**Household Characteristics: 62.06**

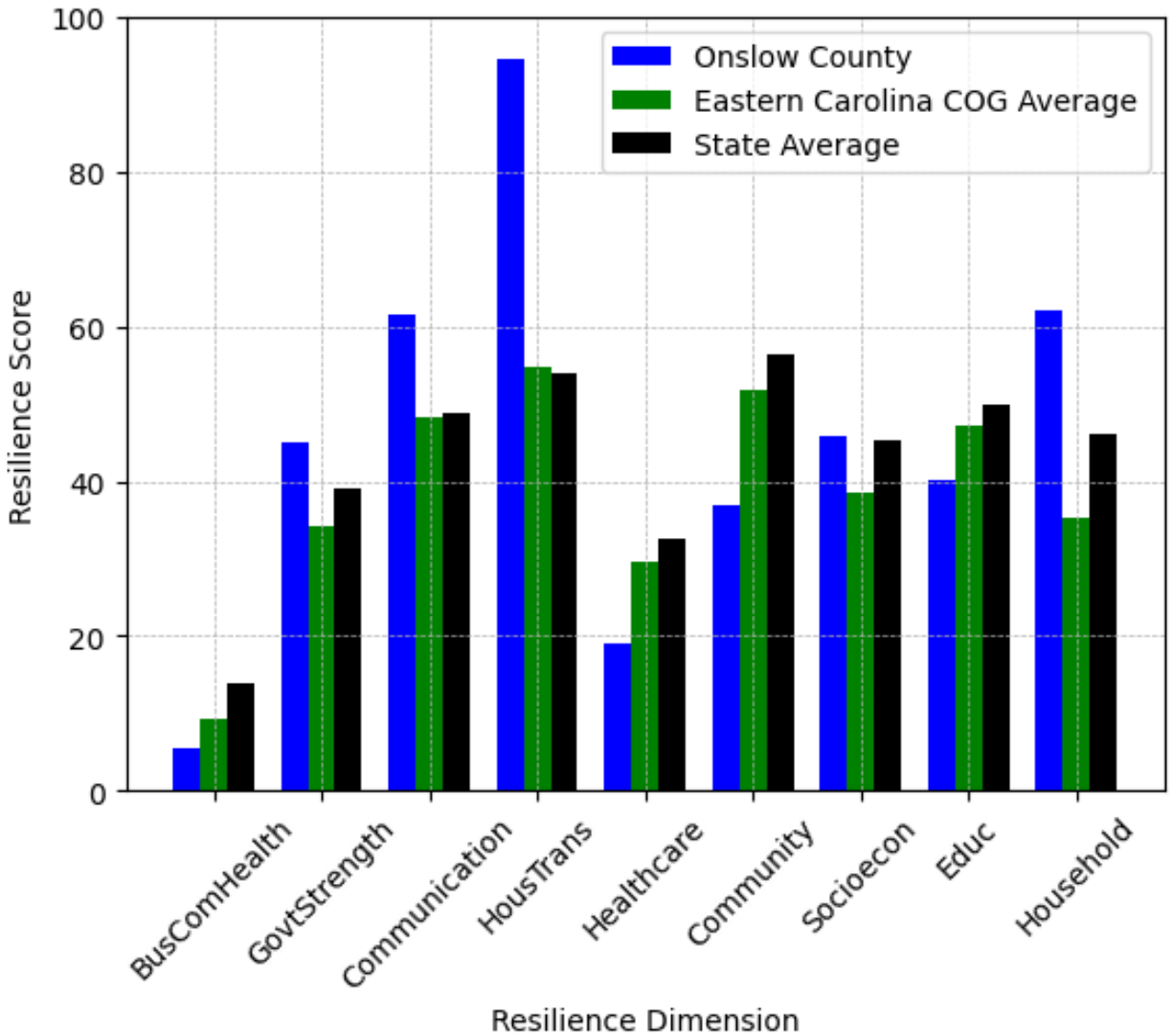
This component examines factors such as the proportion of single-parent households, age distribution, and the proportion of individuals with disabilities, as these elements can influence a community's resilience and ability to recover from economic disruptions. Onslow County's performance on this dimension is strong when compared to other North Carolina counties, ranking 10th in the state.

Notable variables for Onslow County within this dimension include:

| <b>VARIABLE STRENGTH</b>        | <b>FACTOR</b>                           | <b>ONSLow COUNTY VALUE</b> | <b>NC COUNTY AVERAGE VALUE</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Top 10 in NC, Strongest</b>  | Percentage of Population 65 and Older   | 9.6%                       | 20.53%                         |
| <b>2nd Strongest</b>            | Percentage of Single Parent Households  | 26.402%                    | 36.132%                        |
| <b>Bottom 10 in NC, Weakest</b> | Percentage of Population 17 and Younger | 24.31%                     | 20.37%                         |

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## Onslow 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: **3,602** (5-year change rate = **7.3%**, from 49,355 to 52,956)

↓ Change in rank from 17 to 18 in NC

Average Weekly Wages: **165 dollars** (5-year change rate = **24.02%**, from 687 to 852)

↓ Change in rank from 72 to 82 in NC

Real GDP in Current Dollars: **880,370 dollars** (5-year change rate = **10.79%**, from 8,158,874 to 9,039,244)

→ No change in rank

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

Adjusted Tax Base: **3,911 dollars** (5-year change rate = **5.68%**, from 68,853 to 72,764)

↓ Change in rank from 82 to 92 in NC

County Sales Tax: **25,043,152 dollars** (5-year change rate = **63.8%**, from 39,253,992 to 64,297,144)

↓ Change in rank from 11 to 12 in NC

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

Ratio of Average Estimated Home Value to Median Income : **0.32** (5-year change rate = **13.25%**, from 2.45 to 2.77)

↑ Change in rank from 16 to 11 in NC

Average Available Rent Money less the Average HUD Fair Market Rent: **67.6 dollars** (5-year change rate = **15.47%**, from 436.9 to 504.5)

↓ Change in rank from 71 to 88 in NC

**Trends in the Healthcare dimension:**

Opioid Deaths per 100,000 Residents: **22.3** (5-year change rate = **110.95%**, from 20.1 to 42.4)

↓ Change in rank from 39 to 65 in NC

Nurses per 10,000 Residents: **-24.1** (5-year change rate = **-8.66%**, from 278.25 to 254.15)

↓ Change in rank from 26 to 29 in NC

Physicians per 10,000 Residents: **-0.78** (5-year change rate = **-8.54%**, from 9.13 to 8.35)

↓ Change in rank from 64 to 67 in NC

**Trends in the Community Cohesion dimension:**

Nonprofits Organizations per 1,000 Residents: **0.33** (5-year change rate = **18.35%**, from 1.82 to 2.16)

↑ Change in rank from 83 to 74 in NC

**Trends in the Socioeconomics dimension:**

Unemployment Rate (Q4): **-0.8 percent** (5-year change rate = **-16.11%**, from 5 to 4.2)

↓ Change in rank from 74 to 75 in NC

Median Household Income: **4,600 dollars** (5-year change rate = **8.29%**, from 55,500 to 60,100)

↓ Change in rank from 38 to 68 in NC

**Trends in the Education dimension:**

Graduation Percentage: **-1 percent** (5-year change rate = **-1.09%**, from 91.5 to 90.5)

↓ Change in rank from 18 to 29 in NC

Dropout Rate: **-1.36 percent** (5-year change rate = **-61.91%**, from 2.2 to 0.84)

↑ Change in rank from 50 to 19 in NC



Student to Teacher Ratio: **-1** (4-year change rate = **-4.42%**, from 17 to 16)

↑ Change in rank from 95 to 93 in NC

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency: **-10.1 percent** (5-year change rate = **-17.63%**, from 57.3 to 47.2)

↑ Change in rank from 37 to 36 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.
- Adoption Rate of Broadband Services is not available for 2022 and was excluded from calculating this county's dimension and resilience score.