

Social Mobility:



DID YOU KNOW?

The strongest **predictors of social mobility** in a community are:

- Family Structure
- School Quality
- Income Inequality
- Social Capital
- Segregation by Income and Race

The **living income** standard for a family of 4 in Mecklenburg County is **\$54,872**. “Living income” means the minimum income necessary for a worker to meet basic needs.

36% of people in Mecklenburg County are “**asset poor.**” This means they do not have sufficient net worth to survive at the federal poverty level for three months without income. The **federal poverty level** for a family of four is **\$23,850**.

Half of Charlotte’s households of color are asset poor. This means they do not have sufficient net worth to survive at the federal poverty level for three months without income. The **federal poverty level** for a family of four is **\$23,850**.

The median income for a **woman working full time** is **24% less** than her male counterparts - \$38,823 vs. \$51,068.

Between 2005 and 2011 the **poverty rate for children** in Mecklenburg County increased from 15% to **23%**.

35% of Charlotte’s low-income residents have **no health insurance**.

The median income for Charlotte’s **black & Hispanic/Latino households** is about **56.5%** that of white households - an average of \$37,496 as opposed to \$66,273.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg homeowners are **predominantly white** (72%).

60 of CMS’ 160 schools are “**intensely segregated,**” meaning that at least **90%** of enrollment is **students of color**.

High school dropouts have a **1%** chance of making it to the top income bracket.

More than twice as many white Charlotte residents have a **bachelor’s degree** than black Charlotteans – 52.1% as opposed to 23.3%. Even fewer Hispanic/Latino residents have a college degree – only 14.4%.

Data sources: *Assets & Opportunity Profile: Charlotte* (from Corporation for Enterprise Development)
Budget & Tax Center at the North Carolina Justice Center
Women + Girls Research Alliance, *Biennial Report 2014*