Access to Healthcare

Durham County, NC





Access to healthcare has been the number 2 **Durham County health priority since 2018**

How Healthy is Durham County?

Poor or fair health ¹

Obesity ¹

Adult smoking 1 Excessive Drinking 1

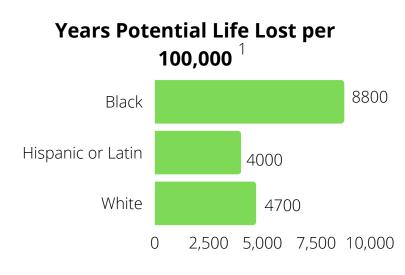
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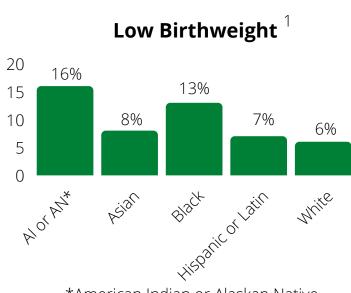
28%

15%

16%

Each of the above categories have decreased since 2017





*American Indian or Alaskan Native

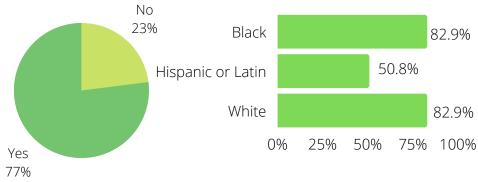
Durham County has fewer Years of Potential Life loss than North Carolina and the US¹

Reasons for disparities: higher cardiovascular disease, homicides, and infant mortality contribute to the premature death rate for Blacks or African Americans.

Reasons for disparities: exposure to chronic stressors such as systemic racism, inadequate prenatal care, employment, and unstable housing contribute to poor pregnancy outcomes among people of color.

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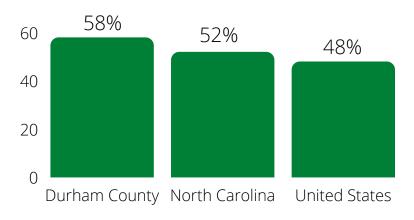
Do you have a personal doctor from a survey from 2019



Reasons for disparities: People who don't speak English are less likely to have a primary care provider. People of color often report having poor communication with physicians.

Flu Vaccination in 2018

Durham has more primary care providers per patient (802:1) than North Carolina as a state (1,405:1). This helps patients find resources for their healthcare in a variety of places to get important vaccines such as the Flu and COVID vaccine, get quality care without insurance, and provide education to a variety of populations.



The main reason Durham County residents didn't get the healthcare they needed is because they don't have insurance according to the 2019 **Community Health Assessment Survey.** ³

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What people are saying in Durham County⁵



"Having the ability to buy care makes a real difference"

"Healthcare is extremely expensive"

"I have used a lot of things virtually"

"Being able to have health insurance certainly broadens my ability to seek help"

Community Recommendations³

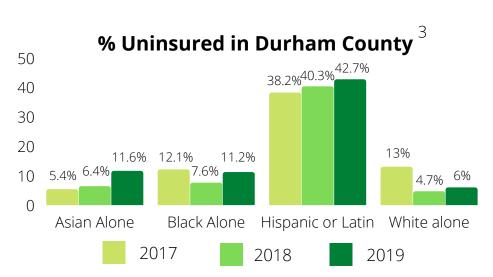
- Increase broadband for telehealth in rural areas
- Ensure free transportation for medical services
- Educate providers on racial equity
- Advocate for safe and affordable housing

Health Insurance

13% of Durham County residents are uninsured

Reasons for disparities:

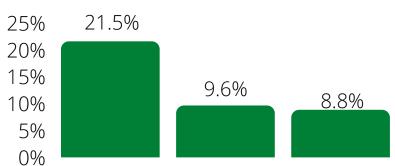
People of color are more likely than whites to have low wage or hourly jobs that often do not provide an option for affordable employer sponsored health insurance.



Barriers to getting Health Insurance ³

- 1. Cost
- 2. Immigration status
- 3. Lack of employer based plans
- 4. Unemployment

Did not have insurance in the past 12 months from the 2019 Community Assessment Survey



Black Hispanic or Latin White

A family of 4 can make a MAXIMUM of \$35,245 a year AND be one of the following to be eligible for Medicaid

- Pregnant
- Be responsible for a child 18 years old or younger
- Blind
- Have a disability or a family member with a disability
- be 65 years old or older

621,000

North Carolinians would be eligible for health insurance if North Carolina expanded Medicaid.

Get Coverage

HealthCare.gov

healthcare.gov

1-800-318-2596

For other languages:

https://www.healthcare.gov/language-resource/

medicaid.gov



healthinsurance.org 866-689-8675



Provides primary and preventative healthcare 919-956-4000



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