Johnston County
NC Regional Challenges

Total Population: 203,308

11.4% of residents live below the poverty line*
(23,177)

13.9% of children live below the poverty line*

Johnston County is the fastest growing county in North Carolina.

For a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) to be self-sufficient, they must bring in:
$63,627/yr

*Self-sufficiency* is the amount of income required for working families to meet basic needs at a minimally adequate level without assistance.

Average Smithfield rent is $1,300/mo. Across NC, rent increased by 20% from 2021 to 2022.

64% of children in Johnston County enter kindergarten not meeting literacy benchmarks

11.5% of Johnston County residents are food insecure

24.5% of Johnston County households spend 30% or more of their monthly family budget on housing.

Of Those Living With Poverty*, A Breakdown By Race:

- White: 44%
- Hispanic: 26%
- Black: 17%
- Other: 13%

*The US Government defines the poverty line as income of $27,750 or less for a family of 4. "Low-Income" is anything less than 200% of the poverty line.
In 2021, United Way invested **$7.31M** into communities and helped Triangle residents more than **1.4 million** times.

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(Many nonprofits serve more than one county.)

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- Adolescent Parenting Transitions
- Dress for Success Triangle
- El Futuro
- Intel-I-Gents Mentoring Program
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
- ISLA
- JLH Community Action
- Kramden Institute
- Lucy Daniels Center **
- MAAME, Inc. *
- My Kid’s Club serving Johnston County
- Partnership for Children of Johnston Co.
- Prevent Blindness NC
- Red Cross
- SouthLight Healthcare
- Special Olympics NC
- StandUp-SpeakOut of North Carolina
- Transitions LifeCare Comprehensive Care Program
- Triangle Land Conservancy **
- TROSA (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.)
- YMCA of the Triangle Area *

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