



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer

Summary Report

The [Quality of Life Explorer](#) is an interactive online tool to help neighborhoods, government leaders and staff, businesses, community organizations, new residents and others learn more about our county and the diverse neighborhoods within it. The Explorer features over 80 variables that reflect you, the places you live and work, and collectively, our community.

On these pages, you'll find information about the selected area's social, housing, economic and environmental conditions. Check out the Explorer online to learn more about what's happening, see trends over time, and connect to resources to take action on the issues that matter to you.

Learn More. Take Action. Create Change.

<p>CHARACTER</p> <p>5</p> <p>population</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>2%</p> <p>bachelor's degree</p>	<p>ECONOMY</p> <p>\$18,160</p> <p>household income</p>
<p>ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>51%</p> <p>voter participation</p>	<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>38.6%</p> <p>streets with sidewalks</p>	<p>HOUSING</p> <p>1.9</p> <p>housing units</p>
<p>SAFETY</p> <p>43</p> <p>property crime rate</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>42.2%</p> <p>tree canopy</p>	<p>HEALTH</p> <p>8%</p> <p>grocery store proximity</p>

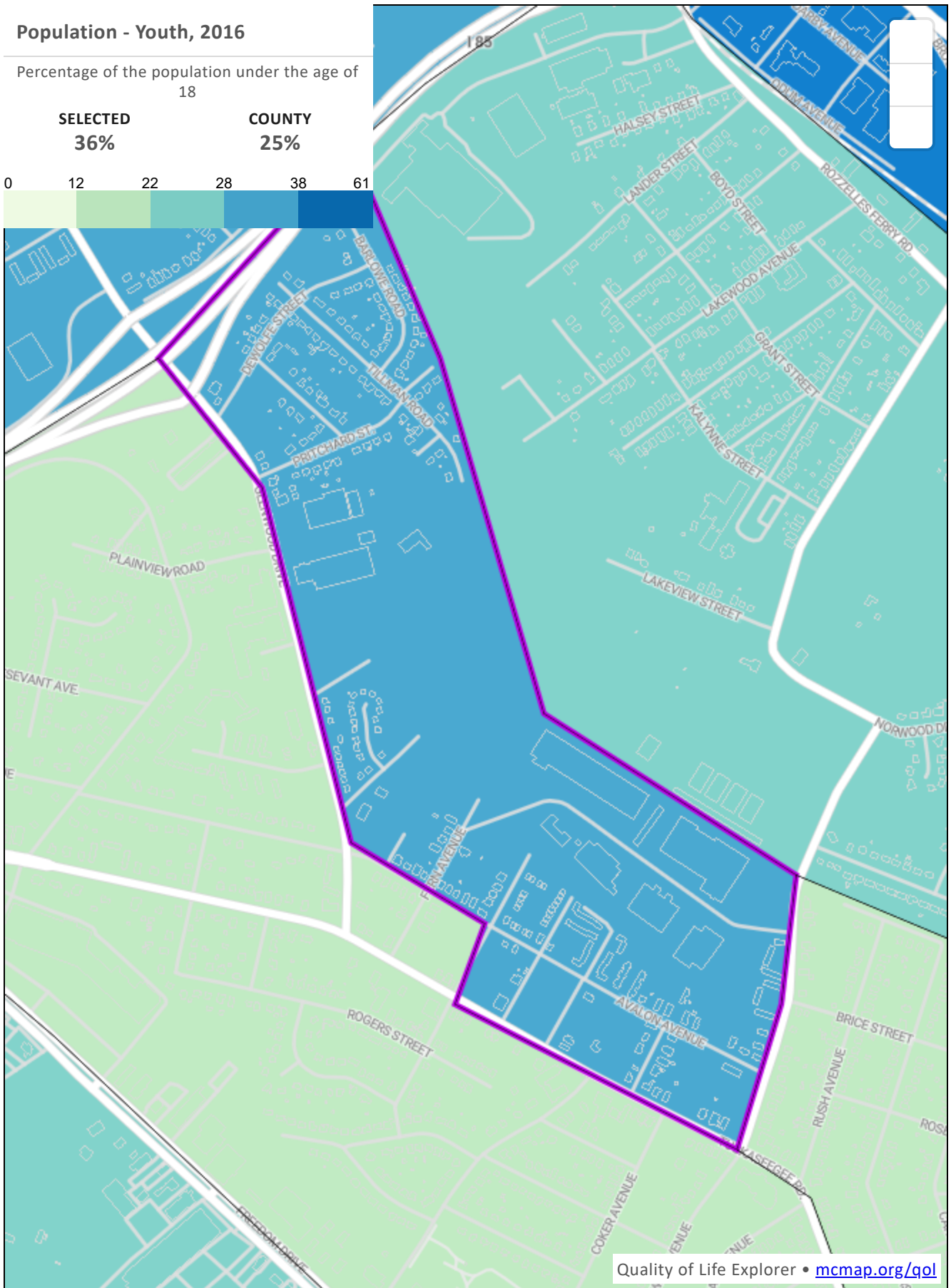
Population - Youth, 2016

Percentage of the population under the age of 18

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36%

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25%

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Character

Variable	Selected	County
Age of Residents (2016) Median age of residents	33	36 Years
Area (2015) Total land area	167	334,994 Acres
Population - Older Adult (2016) Percentage of the population age 65 and over	4%	10%
Population - Youth (2016) Percentage of the population under the age of 18	36%	25%
Population Density (2018) Concentration of residents	5 772	3 1,096,362 People per Acre People
Race/Ethnicity - All Other Races (2016) Percentage of population self-identified as American Indian, Native Hawaiian, some other race, or two or more races	4.9%	3%
Race/Ethnicity - Asian (2016) Percentage of population self-identified as Asian	1.4%	5.3%
Race/Ethnicity - Black or African American (2016) Percentage of population self-identified as Black or African-American	82%	30.7%
Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic or Latino (2016) Percentage of population self-identified as Hispanic or Latino	0%	12.6%
Race/Ethnicity - White or Caucasian (2016) Percentage of population self-identified as White or Caucasian	11.7%	48.5%
Vacant Land (2018) Percentage of land area that is classified as vacant	21.4% 36	18.2% 60,856 Acres

Economy

Variable	Selected	County
Commercial Building Age (2018) Average age of commercial buildings	53	39 Years
Commercial Construction (2018) Concentration of commercial building permits	1.8 3	1.4 Permits per 100 Acres 4,612 Permits
Commercial Space (2018) Average square footage of commercial space per parcel	27,485 357,301	29,671 Average Square Feet 348,185,302 Square Feet
Employment (2016) Percentage of adults in the labor force who are employed	78%	92%
Food and Nutrition Services (2017) Percentage of the population who receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)	56%	13%
Household Income (2016) Median household income	\$18,160	\$68,986
Job Density (2015) Concentration of jobs	0.8 139	2 Jobs per Acre 668,226 Jobs
Proximity to Financial Services (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a bank or credit union	36% 116	32% Units 139,536

Environment

Variable	Selected	County	
Adopt-a-Street Participation (2017) Percentage of eligible streets adopted for clean-up	25% 2	16% 839	Miles
Adopt-a-Stream Participation (2017) Percentage of eligible streams adopted for clean-up	0% 0	35% 368	Miles
Commuters Driving Alone (2016) Percentage of workers who commute by driving alone	46%	83%	
Energy Consumption - Electricity (2013) Average monthly household electricity consumption	822 188,945	1,184 376,998,025	Kilowatt hours per month per unit Kilowatt hours per month
Energy Consumption - Natural Gas (2013) Average monthly household natural gas consumption	53 6,296	51 11,657,563	Therms per month per unit Therms per month
Impervious Surface (2018) Percentage of land area that is impervious	21.5% 36	15.2% 50,878	Acres
Residential Recycling (2013) Percentage of eligible households that participate in municipal curbside recycling	36% 68	50.7% 98,521	Units
Residential Solid Waste (2013) Average daily waste generation per household	7.4 1,399	7.2 1,400,343	Pounds per Day per unit Pounds per Day
Residential Solid Waste Diversion (2013) Percentage of residential solid waste diverted from landfills through recycling and yard waste processing	23.4% 60	35.8% 91,587	Tons
Tree Canopy (2012) Percentage of land area covered by tree canopy	42.2% 70	51.3% 172,122	Acres
Tree Canopy - Residential (2012) Percentage of residential land area covered by tree canopy	56% 28	55% 76,338	Acres
Water Consumption (2016) Average daily water consumption for single-family housing units	124 19,421	165 40,486,962	Gallons per Day per unit Gallons per Day

Education

Variable	Selected	County
Education Level - Bachelor's Degree (2016) Percentage of adults over age 25 with a Bachelor's degree or higher	2%	43%
Education Level - High School Diploma (2016) Percentage of adults over age 25 with a high school diploma or equivalent	75%	90%
High School Graduation Rate (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students graduating high school in 4 years	77%	91%
Library Card Holders (2015) Percentage of population with an active library card	19%	18%
Neighborhood School Attendance (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students attending their home school	64%	77%
Proximity to Early Care and Education (2017) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a licensed early care and education program for children birth to age 5	99% 319	62% 265,763 Units
Proximity to School-Age Care (2017) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a licensed school-age program for children ages 5-12	99% 319	63% 269,360 Units
Student Absenteeism (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students absent 10 percent or more of school days	23%	11%
Test Proficiency - Elementary School (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students in grades 3-5 proficient in End of Grade testing	31.4%	50.8%
Test Proficiency - High School (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students in grades 9-12 proficient in End-of-Course testing	--	45.8%
Test Proficiency - middle School (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students in grades 6-8 proficient in End of Grade testing	24.3%	45.8%

Engagement

Variable	Selected	County	
311 Requests (2016)	62.5	23.2	Calls per 100 People
Concentration of 311 requests from residents	494	242,895	Calls
Arts and Culture Participation (2013)	0%	15%	Households
Percentage of households that participate in ASC-sponsored arts or cultural activities	1	58,868	
Municipal Board/Committee Participation (2017)	0	1	Residents serving per 1,000 People
Number of residents that serve on appointed public boards, committees and commissions per 1,000 residents	0	651	People
Neighborhood Organizations (2017)	3	835	Organizations
Number of neighborhood organizations registered with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department			
Voter Participation (2016)	51%	74.7%	People
Percentage of registered voters that voted in the general election	247	470,951	

Health

Variable	Selected	County
Age of Death (2016) Average age of death	65	71 Years
Births to Adolescents (2016) Percentage of births to females under 19	12.5%	2.7%
Low Birthweight (2016) Percentage of births where birth weight was less than 5lb 8oz	16.7%	9.4%
Prenatal Care (2016) Percentage of births where mother received adequate pre-natal care	50%	63.1%
Proximity to a Pharmacy (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a pharmacy	51% 163	33% Units 143,409
Proximity to Low-Cost Health Care (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a Medicaid provider or free clinic	44% 140	18% Units 80,346
Proximity to Public Outdoor Recreation (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of an outdoor public recreation area	97% 310	54% Units 238,411
Proximity to a Grocery Store (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a full-service, chain grocery store	8% 24	30% Units 129,923
Public Health Insurance (2017) Percentage of the population who receive Medicaid or N.C. Health Choice	43%	15%

Housing

Variable	Selected	County
Home Ownership (2016) Percentage of housing units that are owner-occupied	20%	57%
Home Sales Price (2015) Average sales price of homes	--	\$273,064
Housing Age (2018) Average age of single-family housing units	59	33 Years
Housing Assistance – Development-Based (2017) Percentage of housing units with development-based rental assistance	0% 0	2% Units 10,590
Housing Code Violations (2016) Housing-related code violations per 100 units	13 41	1 Violations per 100 Units 3,254 Violations
Housing Density (2018) Concentration of housing units	1.9 318	1.3 Units per Acre 439,809 Units
Housing Size (2018) Average heated living space of single-family housing units	1,056	2,143 Average Sqft
Rental Costs (2016) Median gross rent of renter-occupied housing units	\$613	\$1,009
Rental Houses (2018) Percentage of detached single-family dwellings that are rentals	66% 121	21% Units 55,016
Residential Demolitions (2018) Concentration of residential demolitions	0 0	3.4 Demos per 1,000 units 879 demolitions
Residential Foreclosures (2016) Percentage of dwellings that were foreclosed	1.1% 2	0.5% Units 1,409
Residential New Construction (2018) Concentration of residential units permitted for new construction	0 0	2.5 Units per 100 Acres 8,433 Units
Residential Occupancy (2016) Percentage of housing units that are occupied	83%	92%
Residential Renovation (2018) Concentration of residential units permitted for renovation	2.4 4	2.1 Units per 100 Acres 6,930 Units
Single-Family Housing (2018) Percentage of housing units that are single-family houses	58% 183	59% Units 261,143

Safety

Variable	Selected	County	
Calls for Animal Care and Control (2017)	72.2	31.7	Calls per 1,000 People
Animal control calls per 1,000 residents	57	31,096	Calls
Crime - Property (2017)	43	37.3	Crimes per 1,000 People
Property crime rate per 1,000 residents	34	36,512	Crimes
Crime - Violent (2017)	16.5	5.2	Crimes per 1,000 People
Violent crime rate per 1,000 residents	13	5,078	Crimes
Disorder-related Calls (2017)	251.9	121.1	Calls per 1,000 People
Disorder-related calls per 1,000 residents	199	114,294	Calls
Fire Calls for Service (2017)	43	33.4	Calls per 1,000 People
Fire calls for service per 1,000 residents	34	35,583	Calls
Nuisance Violations (2016)	27.9	7.3	Violations per 100 Units
Nuisance violations per 100 housing units	91	27,257	Violations

Transportation

Variable	Selected	County	
Bicycle Friendliness (2017) Index measuring the transportation network's ability to comfortably support cycling	1.6	1.5	Index Value (1-3)
Long Commute (2016) Percentage of auto commuters traveling 20 minutes or more to work	20%	58%	
Proximity to Public Transportation (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a transit stop	100% 318	67% 296,302	Units
Sidewalk Availability (2015) Percentage of paved streets that have sidewalks	38.6% 2	42.5% 2,098	Miles
Street Connectivity (2018) Index measuring the connectedness of the street network	1.16	1.16	Index Value (1-3)
Transit Ridership (2015) Average weekly bus and train boardings per stop	17 66	114 406,595	Boardings per stop Weekly boardings