

CHARLOTTE

“Charlotte is the capital city of Mecklenburg and owes its name to German born Queen Charlotte, wife of England’s King George III. For this reason Charlotte is often referred to as the “Queen City.” Charlotte attained city status with America’s first discovery of gold in 1799. The city was the gold mining capital of the country until the California Gold Rush fifty years later.

Charlotte is the center of the nation’s sixth largest urban region and the 19th largest city in the United States. It is the second largest financial center in the nation.”

Source: www.charlottechamber.com



2013 Community Health Opinion Survey

In April 2013, nearly 1,900 Mecklenburg residents participated in a health opinion survey to determine beliefs and barriers to healthy behaviors. Participants were also asked to list the top health concerns facing members of their community based on nine health focus areas.

Residents from Charlotte who participated in the survey reported the following:

Top Three Health Concerns for Charlotte Residents

1. Choosing Healthy Behaviors to Prevent Chronic Disease and Disability
2. Mental Health
3. Access to Care

Rankings based on nine identified focus areas for Mecklenburg.

Additional data from the 2013 Health Opinion Survey can be located in the Primary Data and Research Chapter of this report.

Charlotte at a Glance (source: US Census, 2010 Census and 2009 -2011 estimates)

Population

Total number of people living in Charlotte in 2010:

731,424

Median Age

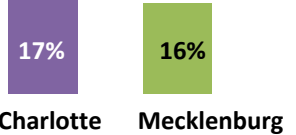
People in Charlotte are younger than in Mecklenburg.

Charlotte 33.2 years

Mecklenburg 33.9 years

Poverty

The percent of people living below poverty is higher than in Mecklenburg.



Median Household Income:

Median Household income is lower than Mecklenburg.

Charlotte **Mecklenburg**
\$51,224 **\$53,545**

Percent Uninsured:

A slightly higher percent of uninsured live in Charlotte than in Mecklenburg.

Charlotte **Mecklenburg**
17.8% **17.2%**

Population without Automobile:

There are more people living without a car in Charlotte.

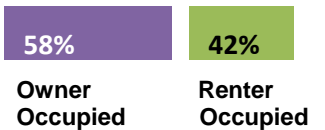
Charlotte **Mecklenburg**
7.9% **7.0%**

Education

Charlotte **Mecklenburg**

Less than High School Diploma	12.2%	11.5%
High school grad or equivalency	20.3%	20.1%
Some college, no degree	21.1%	21.0%
Associate’s degree	7.5%	7.7%
Bachelor’s degree	26.7%	27.2%
Graduate or professional degree	12.3%	12.4%

Housing Tenure:



Race/Ethnicity

Charlotte has a lower proportion of White residents than Mecklenburg County overall.

