



## CORNELIUS

“Cornelius is the second youngest of Mecklenburg County's six incorporated towns and was founded in 1893, but not incorporated until March 4, 1905. In 1963, Duke Power created Lake Norman providing the area with a source of hydroelectric power and approximately 70 miles of choice lakeside property.

Cornelius is a highly diverse community with a wide variety of housing opportunities, vibrant retail and office centers and public parks.”

Source: *Cornelius Town History*, [www.cornelius.org](http://www.cornelius.org)

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

#### Population

Total number of people living in Cornelius in 2010:

**24,866**

#### Median Age

People in Cornelius are older than in Mecklenburg.

**Cornelius** 37.9 years

**Mecklenburg** 33.9 years

#### Poverty

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

**12%**

**16%**

**Cornelius** **Mecklenburg**

#### Median Household Income:

Median Household income is higher than Mecklenburg.

**Cornelius** **Mecklenburg**  
**\$73,211** **\$53,545**

#### Percent Uninsured:

A slightly lower percent of uninsured live in Cornelius than in Mecklenburg.

**Cornelius** **Mecklenburg**  
**16.2%** **17.2%**

#### Population without Automobile:

There are less people living without a car in Cornelius.

**Cornelius** **Mecklenburg**  
**5.5%** **7.0%**

#### Education

**Cornelius** **Mecklenburg**

Less than High School Diploma	7.0%	11.5%
High school grad or equivalency	18.5%	20.1%
Some college, no degree	16.2%	21.0%
Associate's degree	8.3%	7.7%
Bachelor's degree	33.7%	27.2%
Graduate or professional degree	16.2%	12.4%

#### Housing Tenure:

**68%**

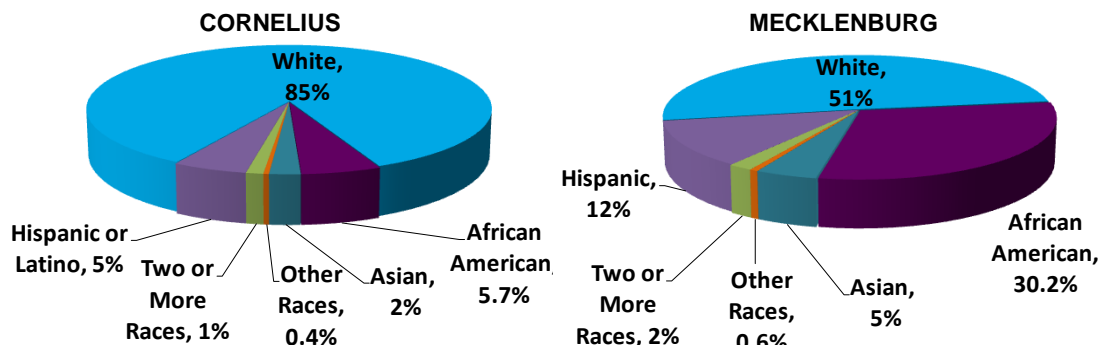
**32%**

**Owner Occupied**

**Renter Occupied**

#### Race/Ethnicity

Cornelius has a higher proportion of White residents than Mecklenburg County overall.



### 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 Cornelius who participated in the survey reported the following:

#### Top Three Health Concerns for Cornelius Residents:

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

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.