



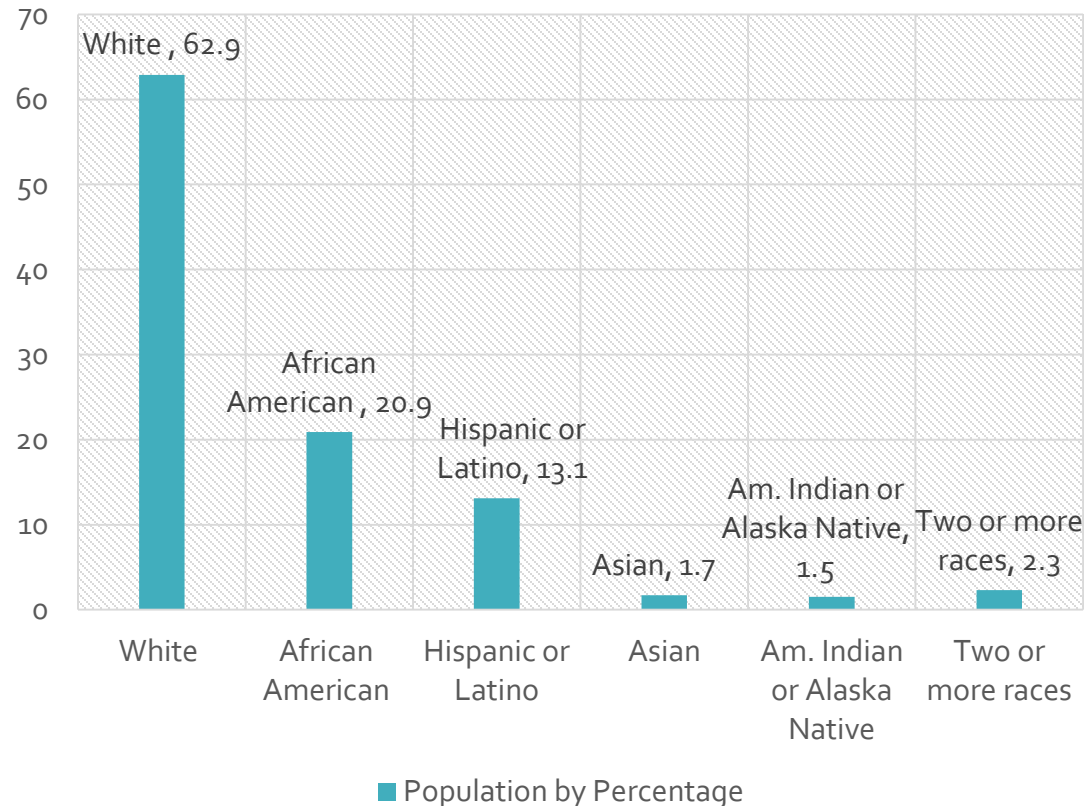
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# State of the County Health Report 2020



# Alamance County Demographics 2020

## Population by Percentage



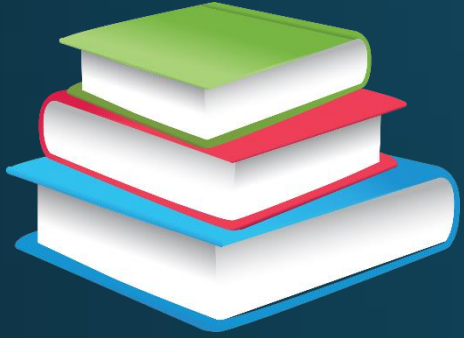
Population	Alamance County	North Carolina
Median Household Income (2015-2019)	\$49,688	\$54,602
Per Capita Income (2015-2019)	\$27,312	\$30,783
Persons Below Poverty Level (2014-2018)	18.5%	16.8%
Persons Without Health Insurance (2019)	16.1%	14.7%
Children Living in Poverty (under 18 years old) (2018)	19.8%	20.2%
Households that Received Food Stamps/SNAP Benefits (2019)	14.4%	12.6%
Unemployed (2019)	3.8%	3.9%
Students Eligible for Free & Reduced School Lunch (2018-2019)	61.7%	58.6%

Sources: US Census Bureau, NC Center for Health Statistics, Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center

# Mortality and Morbidity Rates 2020

**Ten Leading Causes of Death**  
(Rates per 100,000 people) (2014-2018)

<b>Cause of Death</b>	<b>Alamance County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
1. Cancer	167.2	161.3
2. Heart Disease	157.7	158.0
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	50.0	44.7
4. Other Unintentional Injuries	43.6	37.0
5. Cerebrovascular Disease	41.6	43.0
6. Alzheimer's	38.8	35.7
7. Diabetes	25.7	23.7
8. Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome & Nephrosis	25.1	16.4
9. Pneumonia and Influenza	15.8	17.4
10. Septicemia	14.3	12.8
<b>Total Deaths-All Causes</b>	<b>818.0</b>	<b>781.8</b>



# Priority Area Progress: Education

**Objective #1: By 2023, increase support for public education through public will-building**

- \$150 million public education bond (2018)

**Objective #3: By 2021, create community-based centers for early childhood development with a particular focus on areas of concentrated poverty**

- Upgraded Pre-K classrooms at Burlington Housing Authority to meet State licensure requirements





# Priority Area Progress: Access to Care

- **Objective 1:** By 2023, evaluate the utilization rates of specific healthcare services ( other than the emergency department) and make recommendations for changes to policies to increase access with a particular focus on Medicaid eligible and single men and women
  - Analyze utilization rate of uninsured patients
- **Objective 2:** By 2023, evaluate utilization of Emergency Department for non-acute health needs, identifying and revising policies and procedures that create barriers to access.





# Priority Areas Progress: Access to Care

**Objective 3: By 2023, increase the percentage of persons who receive services with a particular focus on reducing racial disparities for diabetes, breast cancer, and maternal/infant health.**

- Open Door Clinic
  - Primary care
  - BCCP program
  - Reports outcomes for diabetic patients to NC Association of Free and Charitable Clinics by ethnicity and racial group
- Healthy Alamance
  - Health outcomes tracking
  - Transportation shuttle for farmers' market and screening services in North Park
  - Community Health Worker pilot
  - Translation & interpretation services





# Priority Area Progress: Economy

- **Objective 1:** Decrease the percentage of people spending more than 40% of their income on rental housing and transportation. Expand affordable housing opportunities in higher opportunity areas.
- **Objective 2:** Utilize census/ zip code data to inform the development of intervention specifically targeting poverty and its effects on health disparities.
  - Opportunity zone
  - Inform food distribution & vaccinations
  - Health outcomes tracking
  - Community advisory board



# Emerging Issues: Social Unrest in Alamance County



Source: Facing South



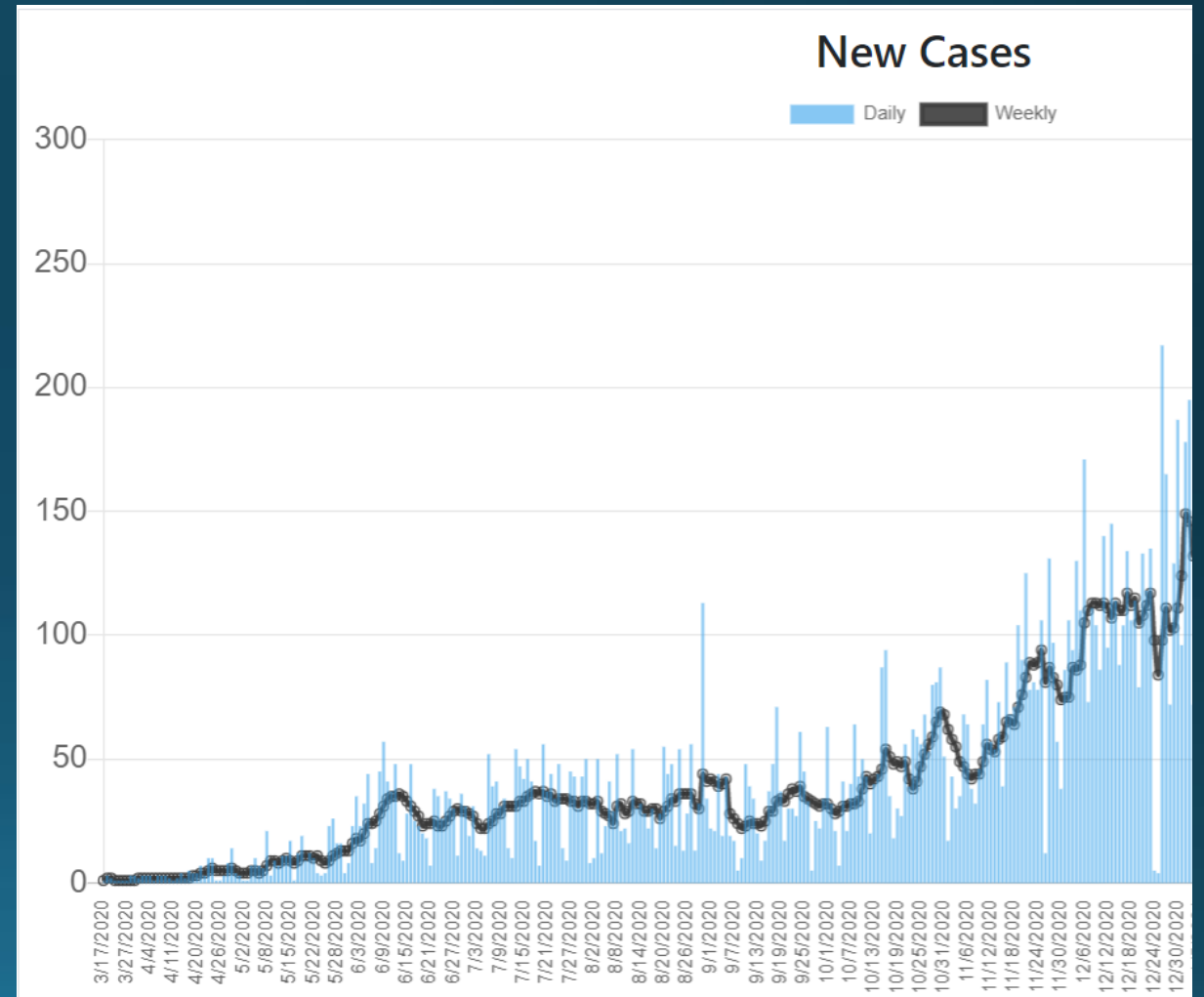
During a Black Lives Matter protest in downtown Graham, NC on July 11, 2020, a counter-protester can be seen ringing a historic bell repeatedly to drown out the crowd. Authorities did not intervene and the bell rang for hours. BY JASON KEITH

Source: News & Observer



# Emerging Issues: COVID- 19 Pandemic

- 1<sup>st</sup> case- March 20, 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> death- May 2020
- >11,000 confirmed cases
- >150 deaths
- COVID testing, case investigation, contact tracing
- Weekly partner meetings
- Business collaborative
- Meal & supply delivery



# New Initiatives: Gerringer Gardens

Priority: Education



Garrett Elementary in Mebane- \$20,000 grant recipient

- Outdoor learning and performance environment
- Inclusive for the variety of learning styles present at the school
  - A+ Arts focus
  - Diverse socio-economic population
  - Special education students- occupational and physical therapy
- Design caters to Pre-K through 5th grade
- Accessibility and Sustainability
  - Sensory sidewalks, pavilions, raised garden beds, benches, visual and music arts opportunities, book boxes, and a natural exploration area

# New Initiatives: Community Loan Program

Priority: Economy

- Minority and women-owned small businesses were disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis
- Impact Alamance invested \$50,000 in the loan program to increase the number of loans available to small businesses in Alamance County
- Provide non-traditional funding as well as technical assistance to primarily underserved communities in Alamance to help them recover and grow their businesses

## COMMUNITY RECOVERY LOANS



Small businesses and nonprofit organizations that were in business before COVID-19.

Recovery from the economic costs of COVID-19, including working capital, business rent or mortgage, employee or independent contractor pay, business redesign equipment, restocking of inventory, PPE purchases and other costs of re-opening for business in compliance with COVID-19 requirements.

Primary place of business in Alamance County.

Minority and women-owned business enterprise (MWBE) owners are strongly encouraged to apply.

**BORROW UP TO**  
**\$25,000**

**4%**  
**FIXED INTEREST RATE**

No payments due for the first 6 months, if deferral is needed.

**ACF**  
Alamance  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**alamance chamber**  
Access more.

**Alamance Community College**

**Self-Help Credit Union**

**self-help.org/alamance-loans**

# New Initiatives: DC Community Kitchen

Priority: Economy



Source: Burlington Times-News

- Partnership of Healthy Alamance, The Dream Center, and passionate community members
- Received \$20,000 grant
- Will serve as a training center for high school students and residents interested in developing culinary and business skills
- Provide free weekly meals to the East Burlington community
- The kitchen will be sustained by local entrepreneurs who rent the facility.

# New Initiatives: MAC's Diner (Meals for Alamance County Children)

Priority: Access to Health/Healthcare

- Partnership between ABSS and local churches
- Funds raised by faith community, business community, Impact Alamance, and individuals in Alamance County
- Summer of 2019, 1900 children received lunch and 650 breakfast at these sites
- MAC's Diner provided meals to children in areas of high concentration of need during the summer months and other times when the schools are closed



# New Initiatives: Enhancing School Playgrounds

Priority: Access to Health/Healthcare



- Funding for 2020 focused on E.M. Yoder, Pleasant Grove, and Smith Elementary schools.
- To date, 14 elementary schools have received updated playgrounds.
- Community Use of Outside Facilities Policy adopted by the Alamance-Burlington School System in Feb 2016.
- Impact Alamance will continue to invest \$150,000 each year until all of the elementary schools within the county are upgraded.

# 2020 State of the County Health Team

- Alamance County Health Department, CHOP Section
- Healthy Alamance
- Impact Alamance
- Alamance County Health Equity Collective

The information compiled in this report will be posted on the Alamance County website, <https://www.alamance-nc.com/healthdept/>, and the Healthy Alamance website, [www.healthyalamance.com](http://www.healthyalamance.com).