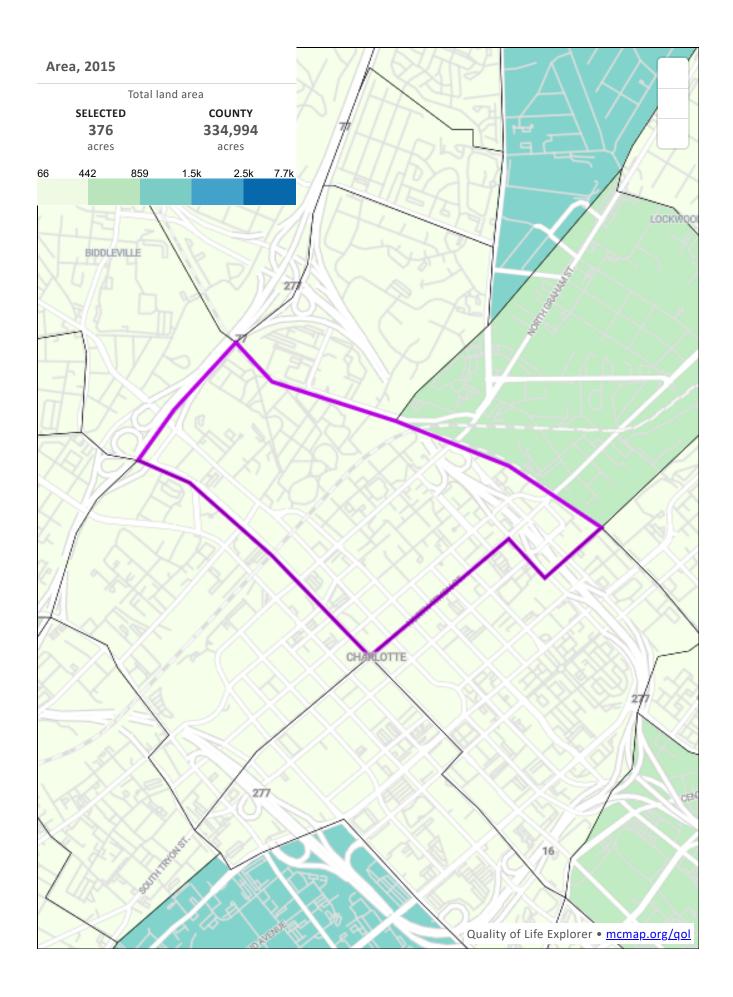# Charlotte-Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer

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.

CHARACTER	**EDUCATION**	**ECONOMY**
20	**73%**	**$87,042**
population	bachelor's degree	household income
ENGAGEMENT	**TRANSPORTATION**	**HOUSING**
54%	**76.4%**	**13.8**
voter participation	streets with sidewalks	housing units
SAFETY	**ENVIRONMENT**	**HEALTH**
51.1	**26.4%**	**98%**
property crime rate	tree canopy	grocery store proximity

Area, 2015

Total land area

SELECTED
376
acres

COUNTY
334,994
acres

66   442   859   1.5k   2.5k   7.7k

BIDDLEVILLE

LOCKWOOD

NORTH GRAHAM ST.

CHARLOTTE

SOUTH TRYON ST.

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Character

Variable	Selected	County	
Age of Residents (2017) Median age of residents	33	36	Years
Area (2015) Total land area	376	334,994	Acres
Population - Older Adult (2017) Percentage of the population age 65 and over	11%	10%	
Population - Youth (2017) Percentage of the population under the age of 18	4%	24%	
Population Density (2018) Concentration of residents	20 7,410	3 1,096,362	People per Acre People
Race/Ethnicity - All Other Races (2017) Percentage of population self-identified as American Indian, Native Hawaiian, some other race, or two or more races	2.8%	3%	
Race/Ethnicity - Asian (2017) Percentage of population self-identified as Asian	2.4%	5.5%	
Race/Ethnicity - Black or African American (2017) Percentage of population self-identified as Black or African-American	22.1%	30.7%	
Race/Ethnicity - Hispanic or Latino (2017) Percentage of population self-identified as Hispanic or Latino	10.3%	12.9%	
Race/Ethnicity - White or Caucasian (2017) Percentage of population self-identified as White or Caucasian	62.4%	47.9%	
Vacant Land (2018) Percentage of land area that is classified as vacant	5.1% 19	18.2% 60,856	Acres

Economy

Variable	Selected	County	
Commercial Building Age (2018) Average age of commercial buildings	57	39	Years
Commercial Construction (2018) Concentration of commercial building permits	22.6 85	1.4 4,612	Permits per 100 Acres Permits
Commercial Space (2018) Average square footage of commercial space per parcel	47,919 3,689,754	29,671 348,185,302	Average Square Feet Square Feet
Employment (2017) Percentage of adults in the labor force who are employed	96%	93%	
Food and Nutrition Services (2018) Percentage of the population who receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)	14%	12%	
Household Income (2017) Median household income	$87,042	$71,000	
Job Density (2015) Concentration of jobs	37.6 14,156	2 668,226	Jobs per Acre Jobs
Proximity to Financial Services (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a bank or credit union	72% 3,284	32% 139,536	Units

Environment

Variable	Selected	County	
Adopt-a-Street Participation (2017)	76%	16%	Miles
Percentage of eligible streets adopted for clean-up	14	839	
Adopt-a-Stream Participation (2017)	100%	35%	Miles
Percentage of eligible streams adopted for clean-up	1	368	
Commuters Driving Alone (2017)	56%	83%	
Percentage of workers who commute by driving alone			
Energy Consumption - Electricity (2013)	2,018	1,184	Kilowatt hours per month per unit
Average monthly household electricity consumption	7,579,564	376,998,025	Kilowatt hours per month
Energy Consumption - Natural Gas (2013)	19	51	Therms per month per unit
Average monthly household natural gas consumption	10,636	11,657,563	Therms per month
Impervious Surface (2018)	34.8%	15.2%	Acres
Percentage of land area that is impervious	131	50,878	
Residential Recycling (2013)	32.4%	50.7%	Units
Percentage of eligible households that participate in municipal curbside recycling	59	98,521	
Residential Solid Waste (2013)	7.9	7.2	Pounds per Day per unit
Average daily waste generation per household	1,444	1,400,343	Pounds per Day
Residential Solid Waste Diversion (2013)	24.7%	35.8%	Tons
Percentage of residential solid waste diverted from landfills through recycling and yard waste processing	65	91,587	
Tree Canopy (2012)	26.4%	51.3%	Acres
Percentage of land area covered by tree canopy	99	172,122	
Tree Canopy - Residential (2012)	36%	55%	Acres
Percentage of residential land area covered by tree canopy	21	76,338	
Water Consumption (2018)	140	153	Gallons per Day per unit
Average daily water consumption for single-family housing units	15,544	38,665,274	Gallons per Day

Education

Variable	Selected	County	
Education Level - Bachelor's Degree (2017) Percentage of adults over age 25 with a Bachelor's degree or higher	73%	44%	
Education Level - High School Diploma (2017) Percentage of adults over age 25 with a high school diploma or equivalent	92%	90%	
High School Graduation Rate (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students graduating high school in 4 years	--	91%	
Library Card Holders (2015) Percentage of population with an active library card	22%	18%	
Neighborhood School Attendance (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students attending their home school	59%	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	100% 4,003	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	100% 4,003	63% 269,360	Units
Student Absenteeism (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students absent 10 percent or more of school days	25%	11%	
Test Proficiency - Elementary School (2017) Percentage of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) students in grades 3-5 proficient in End of Grade testing	25%	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	20%	45.8%	

Engagement

Variable	Selected	County	
311 Requests (2016)	8	23.2	Calls per 100 People
Concentration of 311 requests from residents	562	242,895	Calls
Arts and Culture Participation (2013)	29%	15%	Households
Percentage of households that participate in ASC-sponsored arts or cultural activities	1,101	58,868	
Municipal Board/Committee Participation (2018)	1	1	Residents serving per 1,000 People
Number of residents that serve on appointed public boards, committees and commissions per 1,000 residents	10	629	People
Neighborhood Organizations (2017)	2	835	Organizations
Number of neighborhood organizations registered with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department			
Voter Participation (2018)	54%	63.1%	People
Percentage of registered voters that voted in the general election	1,590	365,356	

Health

Variable	Selected	County	
Age of Death (2016) Average age of death	64	71	Years
Births to Adolescents (2016) Percentage of births to females under 19	2.1%	2.7%	
Low Birthweight (2016) Percentage of births where birth weight was less than 5lb 8oz	9.5%	9.4%	
Prenatal Care (2016) Percentage of births where mother received adequate pre-natal care	67.4%	63.1%	
Proximity to a Pharmacy (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a pharmacy	99% 4,516	33% 143,409	Units
Proximity to Low-Cost Health Care (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a Medicaid provider or free clinic	60% 2,734	18% 80,346	Units
Proximity to Public Outdoor Recreation (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of an outdoor public recreation area	100% 4,541	54% 238,411	Units
Proximity to a Grocery Store (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a full-service, chain grocery store	98% 4,431	30% 129,923	Units
Public Health Insurance (2017) Percentage of the population who receive Medicaid or N.C. Health Choice	16%	15%	

Housing

Variable	Selected	County	
Home Ownership (2017) Percentage of housing units that are owner-occupied	35%	57%	
Home Sales Price (2015) Average sales price of homes	$275,797	$273,064	
Housing Age (2019) Average age of single-family housing units	86	33	Years
Housing Assistance – Development-Based (2017) Percentage of housing units with development-based rental assistance	10% 376	2% 10,590	Units
Housing Code Violations (2018) Housing-related code violations per 100 units	0 5	0 1,454	Violations per 100 Units Violations
Housing Density (2019) Concentration of housing units	13.8 5,193	1.4 464,037	Units per Acre Units
Housing Size (2019) Average heated living space of single-family housing units	2,121	2,185	Average Sqft
Rental Costs (2017) Median gross rent of renter-occupied housing units	$1,340	$1,057	
Rental Houses (2018) Percentage of detached single-family dwellings that are rentals	27% 19	21% 55,016	Units
Residential Demolitions (2018) Concentration of residential demolitions	0 0	3.4 879	Demos per 1,000 units demolitions
Residential Foreclosures (2016) Percentage of dwellings that were foreclosed	0.1% 3	0.5% 1,409	Units
Residential New Construction (2018) Concentration of residential units permitted for new construction	0.5 2	2.5 8,433	Units per 100 Acres Units
Residential Occupancy (2017) Percentage of housing units that are occupied	84%	93%	
Residential Renovation (2018) Concentration of residential units permitted for renovation	3.2 12	2.1 6,930	Units per 100 Acres Units
Single-Family Housing (2019) Percentage of housing units that are single-family houses	1% 68	57% 266,522	Units

Safety

Variable	Selected	County	
Calls for Animal Care and Control (2018)	12.8	31.8	Calls per 1,000 People
Animal control calls per 1,000 residents	95	31,991	Calls
Crime - Property (2018)	51.1	33.4	Crimes per 1,000 People
Property crime rate per 1,000 residents	379	34,745	Crimes
Crime - Violent (2018)	5.5	4.6	Crimes per 1,000 People
Violent crime rate per 1,000 residents	41	4,827	Crimes
Disorder-related Calls (2018)	271.4	110.8	Calls per 1,000 People
Disorder-related calls per 1,000 residents	2,011	107,463	Calls
Fire Calls for Service (2018)	53.4	33.2	Calls per 1,000 People
Fire calls for service per 1,000 residents	396	36,370	Calls
Nuisance Violations (2016)	0.6	7.3	Violations per 100 Units
Nuisance violations per 100 housing units	25	27,257	Violations

Transportation

Variable	Selected	County	
Bicycle Friendliness (2018) Index measuring the transportation network's ability to comfortably support cycling	1.7	1.5	Index Value (1-3)
Long Commute (2017) Percentage of auto commuters traveling 20 minutes or more to work	35%	59%	
Proximity to Public Transportation (2018) Percentage of housing units within ½-mile of a transit stop	100% 4,541	67% 296,302	Units
Sidewalk Availability (2015) Percentage of paved streets that have sidewalks	76.4% 10	42.5% 2,098	Miles
Street Connectivity (2018) Index measuring the connectedness of the street network	1.42	1.16	Index Value (1-3)
Transit Ridership (2015) Average weekly bus and train boardings per stop	105 2,524	114 406,595	Boardings per stop Weekly boardings