



Indicator: Community Disadvantage Index, **Geographic Area:** National > North Carolina > Harnett

Description: "Community disadvantage" is an index commonly used to summarize the general socio-economic conditions of an area. Because it is a combination of several measures gathered from the US Census, it is generally considered to be more reliable than any single indicator used by itself. The CDI available here combines three weighted census tract measures: the percent of persons living below the federal poverty line, the percent of persons receiving public assistance, and the percent of families with minor children that are female-headed. The reliability of the CDI is very high ($\alpha=.89$). The scores were normed to reflect the distribution of community disadvantage across census tracts in the US. CDI scores range from 0 to 10, where 10 indicates that the tracts are the most disadvantaged in the country and 0 indicates the least disadvantaged. Specifically, 9 indicates that the tract is more disadvantaged than 90% of other tracts in the country; 8 is more disadvantaged than 80% of tracts, etc.

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