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### Child poverty slightly declined in Randolph County

*New county data cards present crucial benchmarks on child health and well-being in all 100 counties*

**ASHEBORO, N.C. (April 26, 2022)** — Fewer children are living in poor or low-income homes, fewer are food insecure, and more have health insurance in Randolph County according to the County Data Cards released today by NC Child.

The annual data cards highlight key indicators of child well-being, which help communities and elected officials track and respond to issues in their communities.

“The positive changes in Randolph County were small over earlier data years, however, it shows we were making headway,” Executive Director Lisa Hayworth said. “While we celebrate these gains, the tough reality is next year’s data cards will more fully reflect the brutal impact of the pandemic. That’s what we’re working to address today.”

In 2020, the latest full year with available data, 42.8% of NC children lived in poor or low-income homes in 2020. The five counties with the highest child poverty levels in 2020 included: Scotland (70.2%), Halifax (69.2%), Robeson (66.5%), Tyrrell (64.1%) and Alleghany (63.0%) counties. By comparison, Randolph County is at 52.5%, down from 53.5% in 2019.

According to NC Child, Across the state, children most at risk of living in poor or low-income homes include:

- Black and Latinx children. Years of barriers to family economic mobility continue to hold back opportunity from many Black and Latinx children;
- Children under age 6, who are more likely to be born to parents who are younger and less financially established; and
- Children in rural counties, where low incomes are often compounded by limited access to core needs like transportation and health care.

NC Child’s County Data Cards are part of an interactive data site. This dynamic site allows users to dig deeper on specific data points in each county. Users can view data disaggregated by race, and compare data points across counties. The data cover the following categories:

- A Strong Start (includes pre-term births, pre-natal care, and babies born at low birthweight);
- Family Economic Security (includes rates of poverty and hunger, and median income);
- Nurturing Homes and Communities (includes delinquency, abuse & neglect, and teen births);
- Health and Wellness (includes child deaths, infant mortality, and lack of health insurance); and



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- High-Quality Education (includes education levels, high school graduation, and third-grade reading).

For complete data notes, sources, and graphics, visit [www.ncchild.org/datacards](http://www.ncchild.org/datacards).

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**About the Randolph Partnership for Children:** Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has positively impacted the lives of Randolph County's young children. As the community's lead organization for young children and their families, RPC works with and through diverse agencies, individuals, organizations, and communities to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed in school and life. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit [www.randolphkids.org](http://www.randolphkids.org).

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