

# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

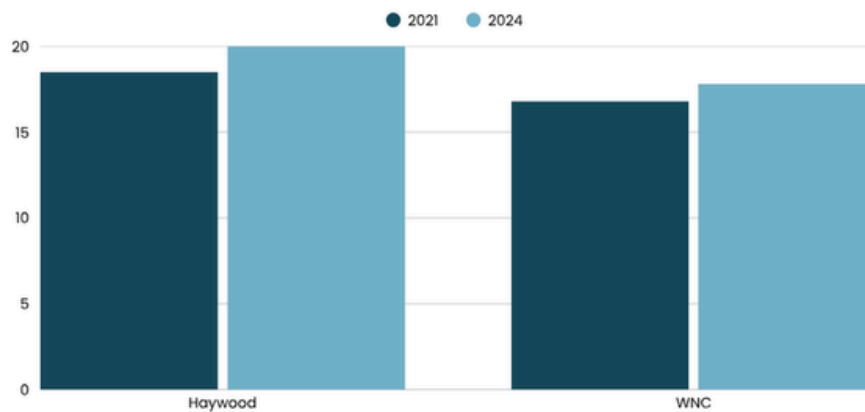


## Community Health Assessment–Priority Setting Data Summary

A large list of primary (newly collected) and secondary (existing) data was reviewed internally by Haywood County public health staff with support from WNC Health Network partners. This allowed the team to arrive at a ‘short list.’

## THE NUMBERS

Disagree That the Community Is a Welcoming Place for People of All Races and Ethnicities (“Disagree” or “Strongly Disagree” Responses; By County)



## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY

- Often/sometimes threatened or harassed in the past year- 8.3% (single year)
- Always/usually/sometimes worried about paying rent/mortgage in the past year, with Hispanic residents reporting this more than White residents- 42.6% (increase)
- Perceived main reason for unfair treatment in the past year- top three reasons are other/don't know, race, and appearance
- In the past 12 months, a lack of transportation has prevented me from going someplace I wanted or needed to go in Haywood County- 12.9% agree or strongly agree

Source: WNC Health Network, 2024



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## WHAT'S HELPING?

- Healthy Opportunities Pilot
- Rent and utility assistance programs
- Food security providers
- Home ownership programs



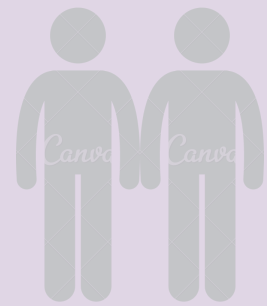
## WHAT'S HURTING?

- Housing displacement is up
- Access to affordable housing is down
- Food security increased
- Employers are struggling to fill positions
- Unhealthy relationships and domestic violence



## WHO'S MOST IMPACTED?

- Children
- Families
- All community members



## WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW?

- Hurricane Helene has worsened all of this and is not reflected in the numbers.
- Nearly 74% of respondents would know where to go for emergency food services (single-year point).
- Over 28% of respondents do not have cash to cover a \$400 emergency expense (single-year point).

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## HOW ARE WE SUPPORTING?

- Farm fresh foods are available at charitable distributions.
- A food resource guide is regularly updated and shared with the community.
- Several organizations offer crisis housing resources.