

## Mecklenburg County's Children

More than 1 in 5 children live in poverty, a 76% increase in total number from 2007-2012

Only 51% of economically disadvantaged 3rd graders were on grade level in reading and math for 2011-12

In 2011-2012, there were approximately 2,495 children with substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 10 per 1,000 children



### 2012-13 Mecklenburg County Child Snapshot

Total number of children	242,486
Number of families with children	121,754
Children living in poverty	52,368
Total number of births	13,734
Students enrolled in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	141,171

Of the 84,191 children Birth to age 5, 21,505 (22%) are living in poverty

Nearly 1 in 11 babies were born underweight, 49% were Medicaid births, and 6% of babies were born to teen mothers

In 2012, an average 7,238 children received child care subsidy each month and an average 5,241 children were on the waiting list

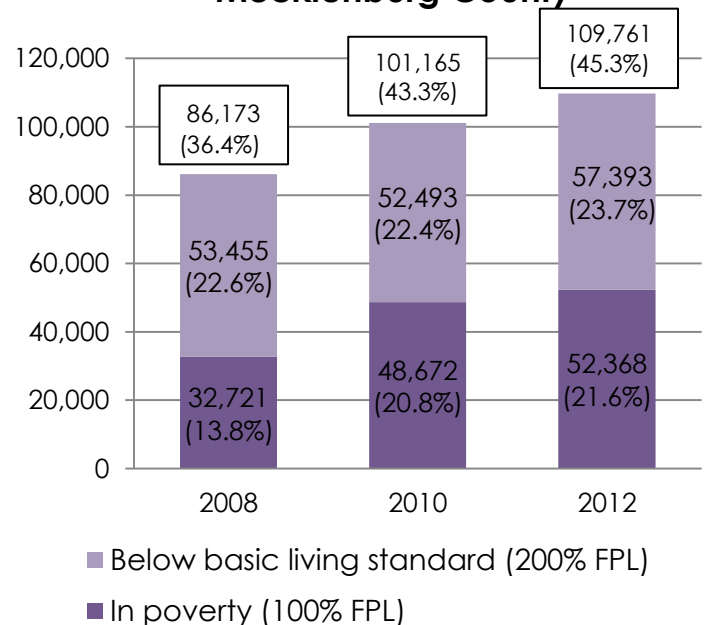
In Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, 42% of students are Black, 32% are White, 18% are Hispanic, 5% are Asian, and 3% are Other

More than half of CMS students (54%) are economically disadvantaged, and they consistently lag their more affluent peers in student achievement

The 4-year cohort graduation rate is 81% and over 1,200 students dropped out of school in 2011-2012

In 2011, only 45% of middle school students reported that they feel like they matter to people in their community, and 24% report having considered suicide

## Children in Poverty in Mecklenburg County



**Leading our community to stand up for every child's right to be safe, healthy and educated.**

**Good information for good decisions.**

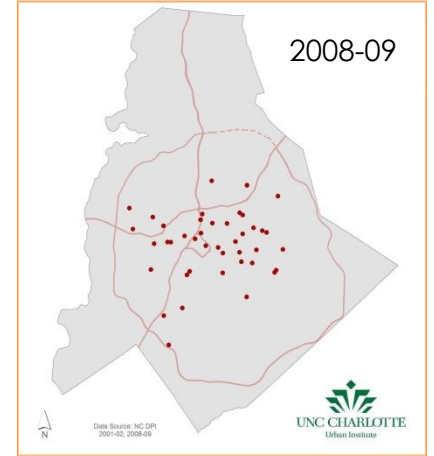
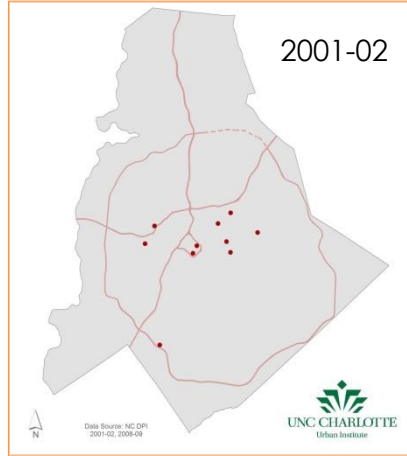
**Better investments for better outcomes.**

The number of high-poverty, high-minority schools in CMS has more than quadrupled in the past ten years.

**High-Poverty, High-Minority Schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools**

2001-02	12
2008-09	42
2011-12	53

In 2011-12, 63% of elementary schools and 35% of middle and high schools were high-poverty, high-minority.



## High-Poverty, High-Minority Schools in CMS

2011-12 School Year

