



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

State of High Poverty Schools within CMS

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The Impact of Poverty in Education

- 36.5 million Americans live in poverty
 - 12.8 million are under the age of 18
- Statistically, children in poverty are:
 - experience low birth weight, lead poisoning and iron-deficiency
 - more prone to chronic health problems
 - not read to aloud or exposed to complex language/vocabulary
 - more likely to experience large amounts of family stress
 - more likely to live in single-parent homes
 - more likely to have fewer role models with professional careers

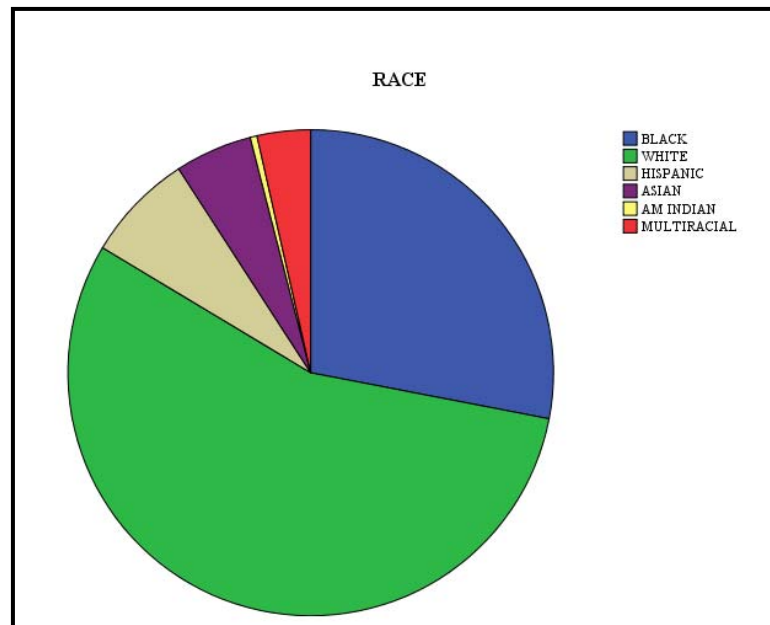


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- Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) Rate as an index of poverty
- District-Wide: 47.3% FRL
 - Elementary Level: 50.7%
 - Middle School: 49.1%
 - High School: 39.4%
- FRL Rates by Ethnicity:
 - Black: 59.3%
 - Hispanic: 25.4%
 - White: 7.9%
 - Asian: 3.7%



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- 40 Title I Schools (75% FRL or higher)
- 65 FOCUS Schools (68% ES - 51% MS - 42% HS)
- FRL Rates by Learning Community:
 - Achievement Zone: 74.7%
 - Northeast: 62.5%
 - West: 55.3%
 - East: 49.1%
 - Central: 46.5%
 - North: 29.2%
 - South: 28.0%



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- Using poverty as an index:
 - EOC Composite:
 - FRL Students – 48.6% scored a Level III or IV
 - Non-FRL Students – 75% scored a Level III or IV
 - EOG Reading:
 - FRL Students – 75.9% scored a Level III or IV
 - Non-FRL Students – 93.7% scored a Level III or IV
 - EOG Mathematics:
 - FRL Students – 49.6% scored a Level III or IV
 - Non-FRL Students – 81.8% scored a Level III or IV



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- Numerous Programs and Initiatives to Address Needs:
 - The Achievement Zone
 - Pre-Kindergarten Programs
 - After-School Initiatives
 - Strategic Staffing
- Three Levels of Support (Social Services within CMS):
 - Level I: Universal Level (basic level of support)
 - Level II: Secondary Level (interventions applied)
 - Level III: Tertiary Level (intensive interventions applied)



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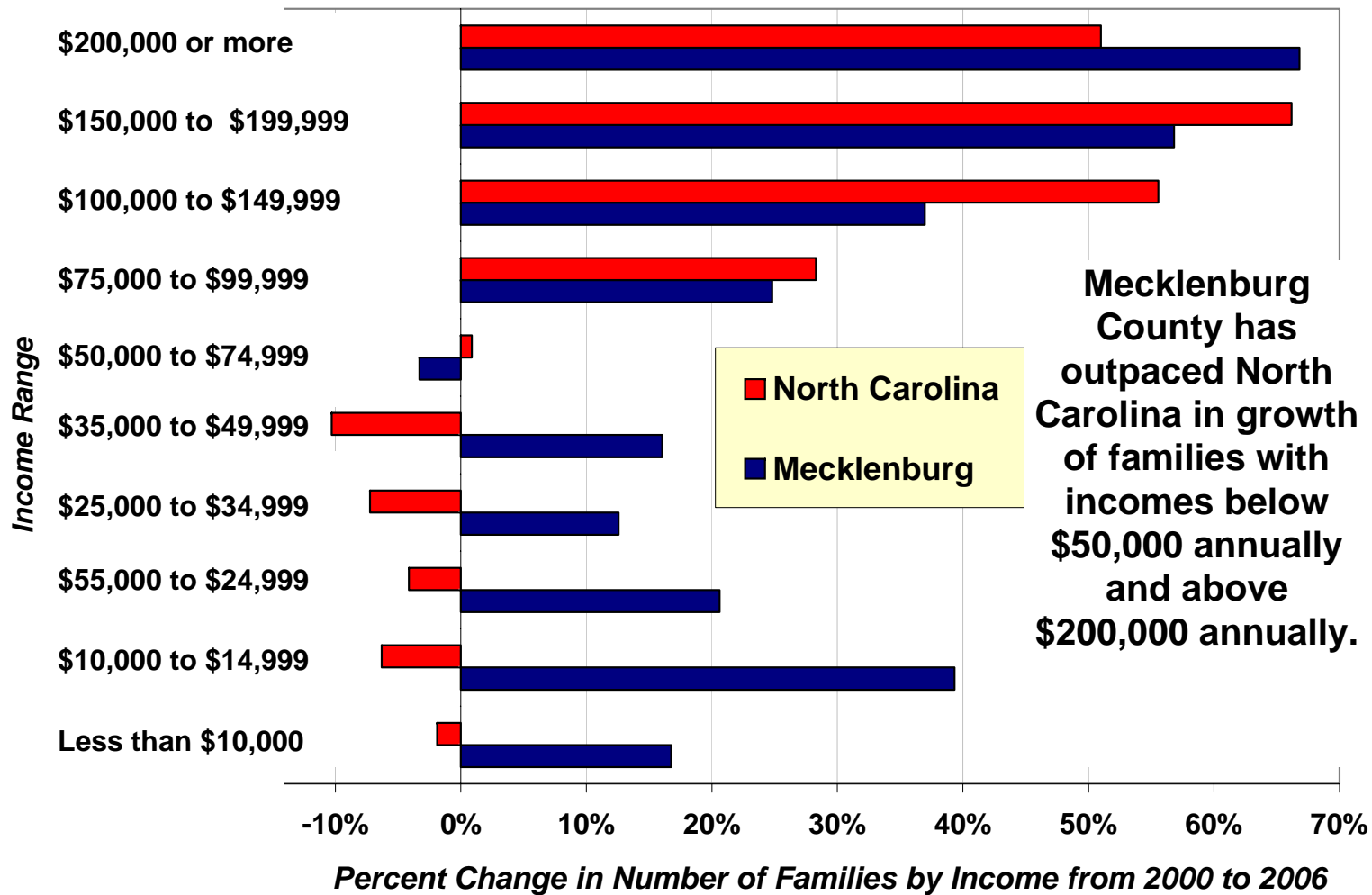
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- Trends:

- Number of Mecklenburg residents living in poverty is increasing
- *(View following data tables and points)*
- Estimations of FRL Rates in CMS in excess of 50% - 12/24 months
- Estimated rise in "situational" poverty in coming months/years



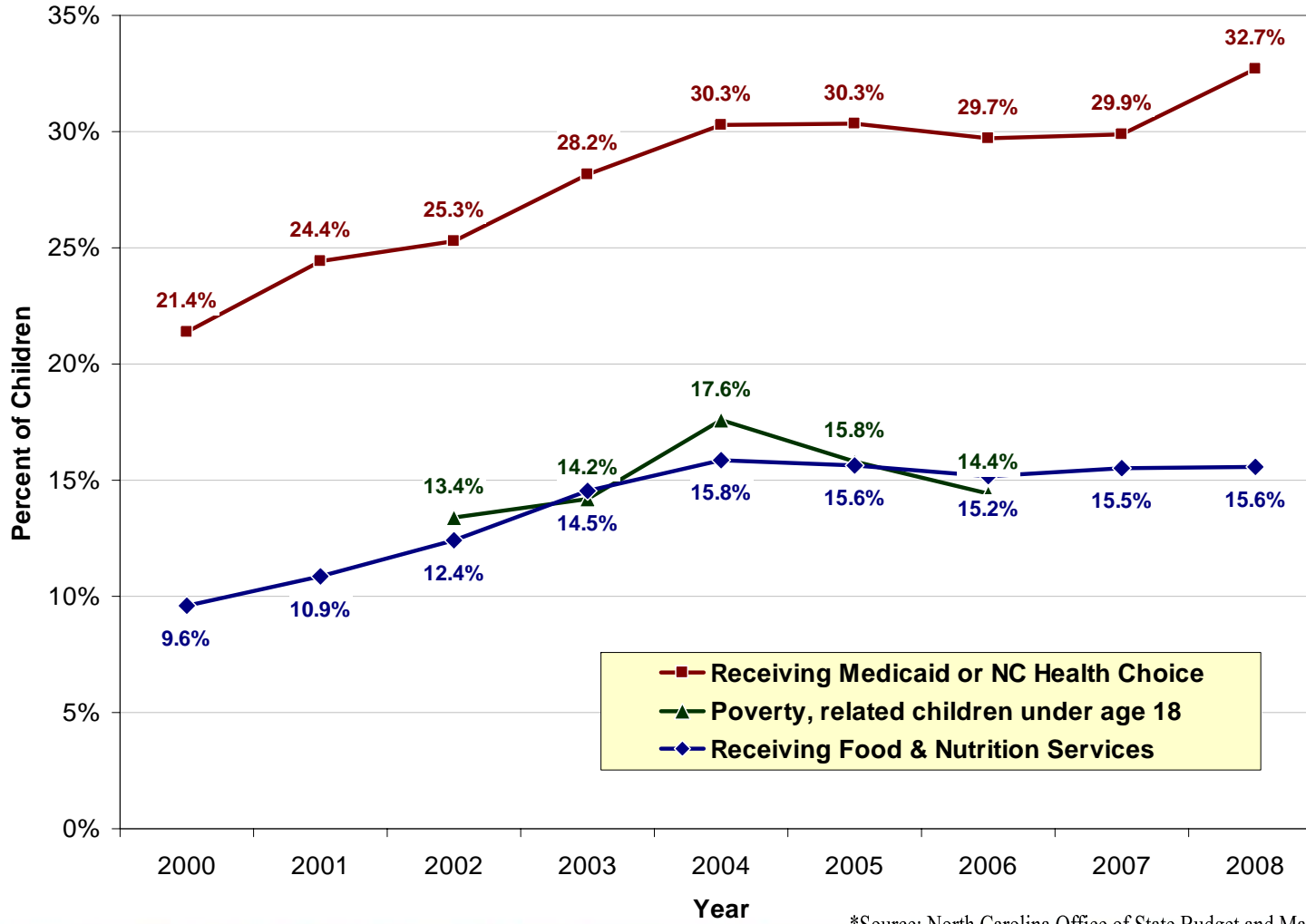
Current SES Trends – Mecklenburg County



*Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management



Percent of Children in Mecklenburg County Who Receive Food & Nutrition Services, Medicaid/NCHC, or are below Poverty



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QUESTIONS?

"Thank you for your time"

