

COVID made housing insecurity and homelessness worse in Charlotte-Mecklenburg



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State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report

[2021 State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report released today](#)

By Courtney LaCaria and Bridget Anderson

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the pre-existing problems of homelessness and housing instability, disproportionately impacting minority and low-income households. A new report details the problem in our community.



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- Janet LaBar, Charlotte Regional Business Alliance CEO
- Dr. Fallon Wilson, co-founder of #BlackTechFutures Research Institute
- UNC Charlotte professor Dr. Tianca Crocker
- UNC Charlotte Urban Institute assistant director Ely Portillo, as moderator.



How can we measure the developmental impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on young children?

By Sydney Idzikowski

We've learned a lot about the virus over the past 18 months. However, the ways in which COVID-19 impacts the youngest children (from birth to age 5), especially in the long term, remains a large and underexplored question. What does COVID-19 mean for the healthy development and resilience of these children? Understanding the pandemic's impacts on the youngest will be crucial to charting the path forward — and because of how multifaceted childhood development is, it's a difficult question.



A bad year for butterflies in the Piedmont

By Ruth Ann Grissom

As the goldenrod and blue mist flowers in my Charlotte garden began to fade in early October, so too did my hope for overcoming what appears to be a dismal year for butterflies across our region.



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