

The case of income inequality in Charlotte



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Quality of Life



A Look at Income Inequality in the Charlotte Region

by Katie Zager

Income inequality is the uneven distribution of income in a population. It concerns the percentage of money people take home and the percentage of total dollars they earn in a given year — and it can have major consequences on health outcomes, financial wellbeing, social connectedness, and more. Here's what income inequality looks like in our region. [\[ZOOM IN\]](#)

Housing





Understanding Corporate Landlords: Who Are They?

By Eric Moore, Ph.D.

Identifying corporate landlords, sometimes referred to as real estate investment trusts (REITs) or institutional investors, can be a complicated process. They can also have dozens of subsidiaries with unique names that mask the actual size of their portfolio.

So, how can we differentiate between "independent operations", individuals who own one or two properties often under Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), mom-and-pop investors, those who own between three and nine properties, and the more large-scale operations of corporate landlords? [[MEET THE NEIGHBORS](#)]

***Note:** This article is the second in a series intended to demystify corporate landlords. [Click here](#) to read the first, "Understanding Corporate Landlords: Decoding a Recent Housing Phenomenon."*

urbanCORE News



'A Place of Wholeness': West Sugar Creek Community's Plan to Unify

by Mae Israel

Nearly a year after their initial meeting, residents and community leaders of the West Sugar Creek corridor have drafted a proposal to bring their community together. [[DISCOVER A PLACE TO BELONG](#)]

Community Partner News

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Mobilizing Faith-Based Development Initiatives to Address the Affordable Housing Crisis: A look at Charlotte-Mecklenburg

by MaryAnn Priester and Liz Ward

MaryAnn Priester, senior management analyst for Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, and Liz Ward, affordable housing advisor for Give Impact, provide an overview of how faith-based organizations (FBOs) are engaging in community-led housing solutions, and what is being done locally in Charlotte-Mecklenburg to help these FBOs to increase their readiness to engage. [\[LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH-BASED DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES\]](#)



Explore the Charlotte Journalism Collective's 2024 Election Guide

With less than 30 days until November 5, also known as Election Day in the United States, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute supports our partners at the Charlotte Journalism Collaborative (CJC) in their efforts to ensure all Charlotte residents are equipped with reputable information to be civically engaged.

The 2024 CJC Election Guide is a project of the CJC that is solely intended to be an informative resource. For more information [\[CLICK HERE\]](#).

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