

## Women are more likely to work from home



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### Research News



## [2025 Gambrell Faculty Fellows to Study Charlotte Region's Pressing Challenges](#)

### Asha Ellison

Ever wonder what resources could improve the persistent health disparities faced by Black families in Mecklenburg County? Curious about the ways architectural design could transform urban farming and food access? If public funds are spent equitably on Charlotte's capital improvement projects? Have you ever considered the impact school counselors can have in shaping cultural awareness through social justice, or the role Latino fathers play in their families?

These questions provide a glimpse into the topics the sixth cohort of [Gambrell Faculty Fellows](#) will study this year with support from The Gambrell Foundation and the Charlotte Urban Institute. Over the next nine to eighteen months, six UNC Charlotte scholars, **Alicia Dahl, Ph.D., Chau Le, Ph.D., Stephanie Potochnick, Ph.D., Roger Suclupe, MSW, Clare Merlin-Knoblich, Ph.D., and Kyle Spence, M.S.**, will study critical quality of life issues and economic challenges facing the Charlotte region. [[MEET THE 2025 FELLOWS](#)]

## Schul Forum



The graphic features three vertical panels on the left showing people in professional settings. The main text is centered and reads: "SAVE THE DATE" in large green letters, followed by "The Charlotte Urban Institute + Regional Data Trust Present a Schul Forum" in smaller text, "COMMUNITY DATA DAY" in large green letters, and "April 3, 2025" in the largest green font. Below this, it says "From noon to 5 p.m. at The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City". At the bottom are the logos for "CHARLOTTE URBAN INSTITUTE REGIONAL DATA TRUST" and "MARIANNE M. & NORMAN W. Schul Forum Series".

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please plan to join the Charlotte Urban Institute + Regional Data Trust on **Thursday, April 3, 2025** for a **Schul Forum Community Data Day** at **The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City**. After engaging in "So What?" sessions, a moderated panel discussion, and a culminating reception to honor our Gambrell Faculty Fellows, attendees will leave feeling inspired to harness the power of data to better shape the world around them.

Stay tuned for more details.

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## Census News



## [Who Comprises the Remote Workforce in Mecklenburg County](#)

**Katie Zager**

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, thousands of workers were directed to work from home. The change was abrupt. And at the time, there was no way to predict how long remote work would stick around.

While there is still uncertainty about the future of remote work five years later, we know that the work-from-home-shift has impacted our communities. According to the American Community Survey, the national number of people working from home more than doubled -- it grew from 9 million in 2019 to 22 million in 2023. In Mecklenburg County, that number nearly tripled from 62,143 in 2019 to 184,542 in 2023.

We also know that remote workers in our region are more likely to be women,

work in management, business, science and arts occupations, and save an hour in commute time each day. [\[HERE'S WHAT ELSE WE KNOW\]](#)

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### Partner News

*Each month, the Charlotte Urban Institute is proud to share insights from community partners who are aligned with our mission to provide a better quality of life for everyone in the Charlotte region.*



## [State of Housing in Charlotte 2024 Report Takes Data-Informed Look at Housing Issues](#)

**Childress Klein Center for Real Estate, UNC Charlotte Belk College of Business**

Growth drives demand. However, rapid population growth over the last decade has created housing challenges, leaving many struggling to find affordable homes.

From 2022 to 2023, the Charlotte metro saw growth of 49,000+ newcomers to the area — enough to establish a city like Huntersville or Kannapolis. Zooming out, 471,750+ moved to the Charlotte metro between 2014 and 2023.

The 2024 State of Housing in Charlotte Report released by the Childress Klein Center for Real Estate at UNC Charlotte reveals the obstacles we face. Read the full report to learn more and understand how we can work together to create a more equitable housing market for all. [\[STATE OF HOUSING IN CHARLOTTE REPORT\]](#)



## [2025 Point-in-Time Count Wrap Up](#)

**Mary Ann Priester**

During Mecklenburg County's Point-in-Time Count, 20 officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) and 40 teams of 200+ community volunteers came together to ensure **#EverybodyCountsCLT** by providing logistical support and conducting surveys with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness across the county. Point-in-Time Count co-leads, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services and Hearts for the Invisible Charlotte Coalition would like to sincerely thank each unhoused person who completed a survey, all who helped plan this year's count, and those who selflessly volunteered their time, provided supplies and financial donations, or raised awareness about the 2025 Point-in-Time Count.

Mary Ann Priester, senior management analyst for Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, provides an overview of this year's Count, what's next, and how you can stay involved year-round. [\[MORE THAN A NUMBER\]](#)

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