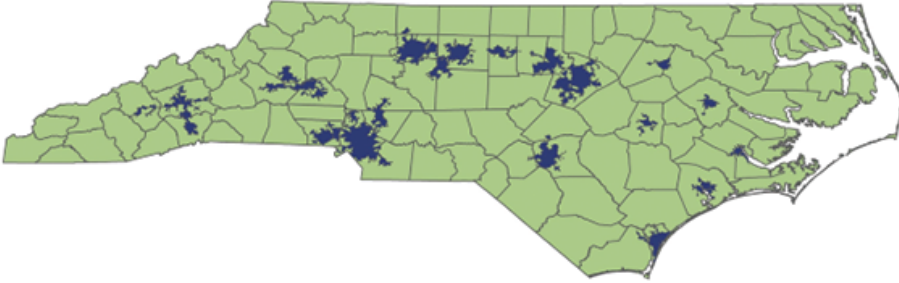


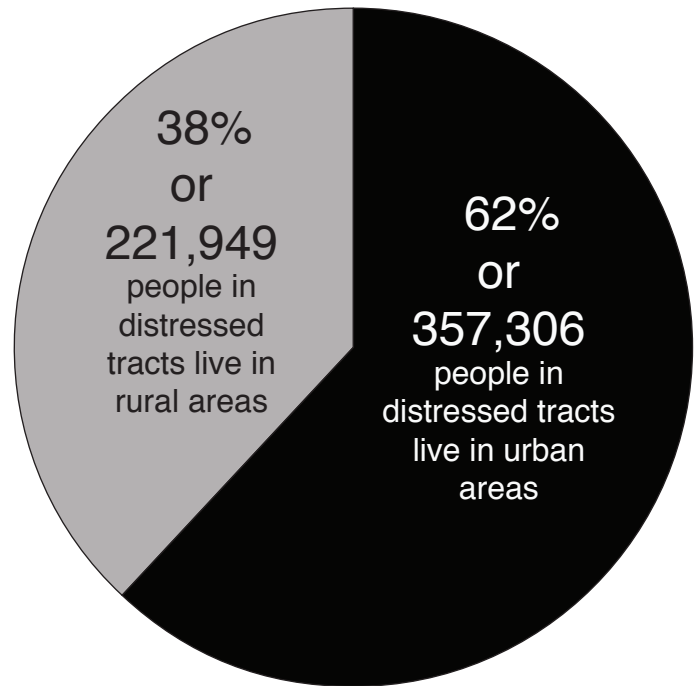
# Unmasking Poverty and Unemployment in Urban North Carolina

## Urban Areas in North Carolina

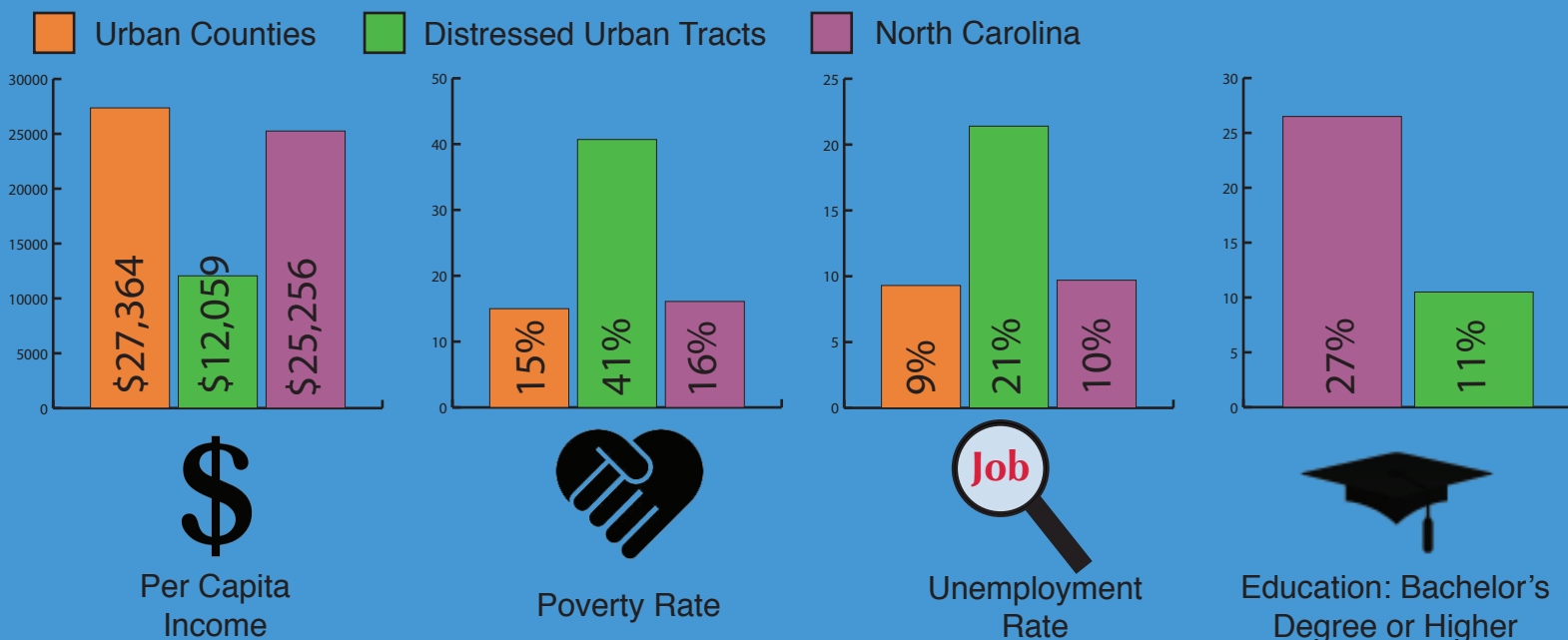


A majority of the state's distressed tracts are in urban areas

Each of North Carolina's 18 urban centers contains pockets of severe poverty and unemployment that are masked by a focus on county level statistics. High level views fail to adequately capture the great disparities within our urban counties.

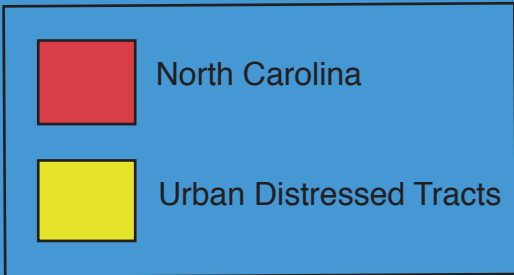
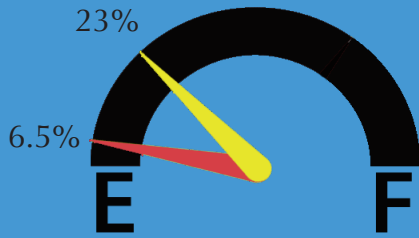


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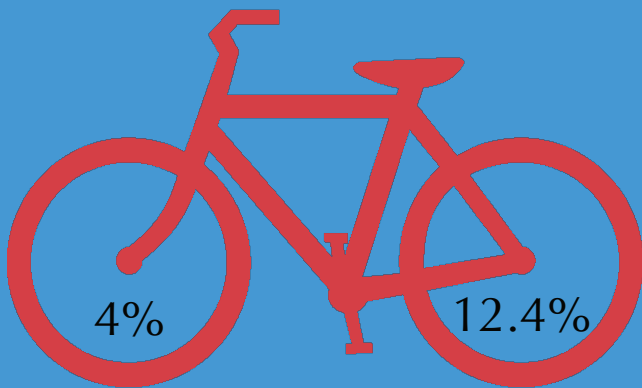


# The Importance of Transit

Households with no vehicle ownership



Travel to work by transit, cycling, walking



North Carolina      Urban Distressed Tracts

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# African-Americans, Elderly and Children Disproportionately Impacted

African-Americans Living in Distressed Tracts



**21.2%**  
of the State's population is African-American



**60.9%**  
of people living in urban distressed tracts are African-American

Poverty rate for those over 65



**10.3%**  
North Carolina

**21.3%**  
Distressed Urban Tracts

Poverty rate for children



**22.6%**  
North Carolina

**57.8%**  
Distressed Urban Tracts

## What is a Distressed Tract?

- Unemployment 50% greater than North Carolina's unemployment rate.
- Annual per capita income 1/3 lower than North Carolina's per capita income.
- Poverty rate 50% greater than North Carolina's poverty rate.

