



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COUNTY: Benzie County

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## KEY METRICS



**18,310**  
total population



**\$74,834**  
median household income



**5,261 | 29%**  
age 65+



**50.8**  
median age



**10%**  
poverty rate



**766 | 4%**  
under age 5

## POVERTY RATE FOR



Families with children:

**8%**



Children under age 18:

**9%**



Single parent (female) family:

**23%**

## RACE/ETHNICITY

White	<b>16,728</b>	<b>(91%)</b>
Black or African American	<b>118</b>	<b>(&lt;1%)</b>
Hispanic or Latino	<b>457</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
Asian	<b>99</b>	<b>(&lt;1%)</b>
American Indian/ Alaska Native	<b>164</b>	<b>(&lt;1%)</b>
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	<b>0</b>	<b>(0%)</b>
Two or More Races	<b>582</b>	<b>(3%)</b>

## MEDIAN WAGE

**\$61,932**  
for men

**\$47,441**  
for women

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **77%**  
(Women earn 77¢ for every dollar men earn.)

## ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**14%** Under \$25,000

**36%** \$25,000 - \$74,999

**50%** \$75,000 or more

## LANGUAGE SPOKEN

A language other than English spoken at home:

**347 | 2%**

Limited English proficiency (age 5+):

**83 | <1%**



## TECHNOLOGY



**7,373 | 96%**  
Households with a computer



**7,171 | 93%**  
Households with broadband internet subscription

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGE 25+

Less than ninth grade	221	2%
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	604	4%
High school diploma or equivalent	3,691	26%
Some college, no degree	3,007	21%
Associate degree	1,335	10%
Bachelor's degree	3,198	23%
Graduate or professional degree	1,977	14%

## DISABILITY STATUS



**190 | 6%**

children under age 18 with disability



**1,622 | 16%**

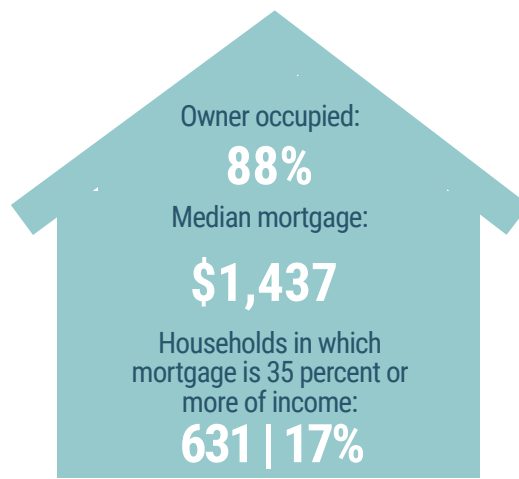
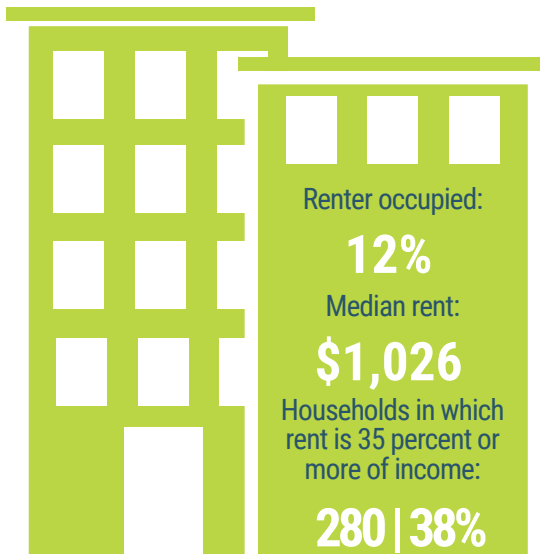
18-64 years old with disability



**1,381 | 27%**

65 years old and over with disability

## HOUSING



## HEALTH INSURANCE



Population with Health Insurance

Private: **12,843 | 71%**

Public: **8,063 | 45%**

Population with No Health Insurance

Total: **1,006 | 6%**

Children: **236 | 7%**

## COMMUTING TO WORK

Travel time to work: 24.6 minutes



**77%**

Drove alone  
(car, truck or van)



**9%**

Carpooled



**<1%**

Public  
transportation



**1%**

Walked



**1%**

Other means



**11%**

Worked at  
home

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Source: American Community Survey, 2024 5-Year Data Profiles