



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COUNTY

## BRANCH COUNTY

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### POPULATION:

- Total population: **43,543**
- Under age 5: **2,609 (6%)**
- Age 65+: **7,492 (17%)**
- Median age: **41**

### RACE / ETHNICITY:

- White: **39,594 (91%)**
- African American: **1,010 (2%)**
- Hispanic or Latino: **1,943 (5%)**
- Asian: **230 (1%)**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: **117 (0%)**

### NO HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Total: **4,495 (11%)**
- Children: **1,286 (12%)**



### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGES 25 AND OLDER

Less than ninth grade	<b>1,234</b>	<b>4%</b>
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	<b>2,106</b>	<b>7%</b>
High school diploma or GED	<b>12,336</b>	<b>41%</b>
Some college, no degree	<b>7,499</b>	<b>25%</b>
Associate degree	<b>2,648</b>	<b>9%</b>
Bachelor's degree	<b>2,927</b>	<b>10%</b>
Graduate or professional degree	<b>1,281</b>	<b>4%</b>

### MEDIAN WAGE:

**\$31,998** for women

**\$40,195** for men

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **80%**  
(Women earn 80¢ for every dollar men earn.)

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

**\$48,192**

### POVERTY RATE: **16%**



Families with children

**19%**

Children under age 18

**26%**

Single-parent (female) family

**32%**

### LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME:

**3,090** **8%**

Limited English proficiency (age 5+)

**1,008** **3%**

Source: American Community Survey Data Profiles (2017 5-Year Estimates)

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## HOUSING

Renter occupied

**25%**

Owner occupied

**75%**

Median rent

**\$708**

Median mortgage

**\$989**

Households in which  
rent is 35+ percent  
of income

**1,173    33%**

Households in which  
mortgage is 35+  
percent of income

**1,333    18%**

## COMMUTING TO WORK



**84%**

Drove alone (car,  
truck or van)



**9%**

Carpooled



**0%**

Public  
transportation



**1%**

Walked



**1%**

Other means



**4%**

Worked at  
home

Travel time  
to work  
(minutes)

**23**



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