**METHODS**

1. **Research**
   a. Gather historical data on Grifton
2. **Windshield Tour**
   a. Document infrastructure in downtown Grifton
   b. Speak with town citizens to better understand public opinion
3. **Determine areas of need**
   a. Discuss potential interventions

**RESULTS**

- **Housing**
  - Home ownership in Grifton <40%
  - Sharp decline in 2020, previously ~55%
  - Anecdotal evidence of predatory leasing practices
  - Median home price remains low compared to national average, needs further investigation

- **Employment**
  - Unemployment rate cannot be accurately measured due to lack of town-based data.
  - Anecdotal evidence of transportation deficits
  - Median income remains low compared to national average
  - Transportation is the most significant barrier to employment.
  - Citizens are unaware of how to access ECU Health transportation services.

**NEEDS**

- **Affordable Housing**
  - Lengthy average commute
  - Anecdotal evidence of transportation deficits
  - Grocery instability, potential for food desert
  - Little social service accessibility within walking distance

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**DISCUSSION**

- **Employment**
  - Due to the lack of job opportunities and non-existence of public transportation within Grifton, most citizens must travel out-of-town by car.
  - Citizens are unaware of how to access ECU Health transportation services.

- **Housing**
  - Investigative barriers to home ownership
  - Explore transportation initiatives
  - Public or subsidized offerings
  - One medical office in town (pediatrics)
  - Is an ECU Health community center feasible?
  - Determine uninsured status of citizens

**REFERENCES**