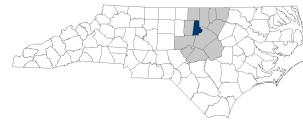


# Durham County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Urban  
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)  
Charter Schools: 16 (2023)

2030 Proposed Durham County Attainment Goal: 73,098 (Stretch Goal: 73,537)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 324,849  
2022 Estimate: 332,680  
Change: 7,831

## Growth Rate

2.4% County vs. 2.5% State



\$79,524  
Median Household Income (2022)  
State: \$67,516



55% Home Owners (2022)  
State: 67%



17.1% Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%



9.7% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)  
State: 10.9%



80% Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%



3.2% Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

## Educational Attainment

Durham County residents ages 25-44, 2022

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree

No Degree  
29,215  
27.9%

Have Degree or Credential  
75,574  
72.1%



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

## Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Durham County to improve future attainment outcomes.



### NC Pre-K Enrollment

30% of Durham County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.



### Chronic Absenteeism

37% of Durham County students are chronically absent from school, above the urban county average of 28%.



### Math Performance

30% of Durham County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the urban county average of 39%.

## Promising Attainment Practices

The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state's attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Durham County has been meeting local needs:

[https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt\\_search=Durham](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Durham)

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

## In Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

76.5%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

### Top areas of misalignment:

Business Management & Administration bachelor's  
Health Science below bachelor's  
Information Technology bachelor's

5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2020

65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

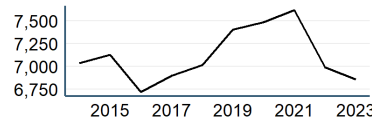
59% of adults (ages 25-44) in Durham County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Durham County is served by:

Durham Workforce Development Board  
Central Pines Council of Governments

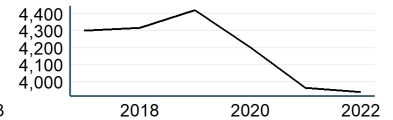
## UNC System College Enrollment

### Curriculum



## NC Community College Enrollment

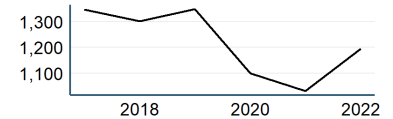
### Curriculum



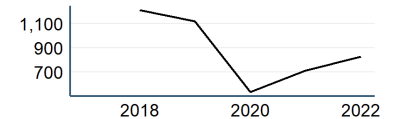
## Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Data Scientists	4%
Statisticians	4%

## First-time Curriculum Enrollments



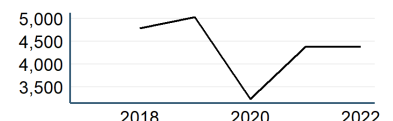
## Basic Skills



## Top 3 Employers in Durham County

Employer	Employment Range
Duke University	1000+
Fidelity Workplace Investing Llc	1000+
Durham Public Schools	1000+

## Continuing Education



### Adult Learners

#### Raleigh-Durham Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 3,247 Basic Skills
- 29,217 Continuing Education
- 9,377 Curriculum

**21%** of Durham County residents have **student loan debt**; **8%** of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

#### Success of Durham County High School Graduates

- 83%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **86%** in peer counties. 2022
- 55%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **62%** in peer counties. 2022

#### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 4,755** of all college-goers attended **Durham TCC**
- 1,108** of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- 325** of all college-goers attended **Duke University**

**61%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 405 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023

**69%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **81%** in peer counties. 2022

**53%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **64%** in peer counties. 2022

**41%** of Durham County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus **37%** in peer counties.

#### How students in Durham County traditional schools are doing:

**30%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 806 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023

**28%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 7,787 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023

**30%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 7,496 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023

**84%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 295 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023

**37%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 8,702 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023

Durham County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **259:1** versus **286:1** in peer counties. 2023

**4%** of students **drop out of high school** (471 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

#### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

5,278 certificate | 5,596 associate | 16,200 bachelor's

#### Postsecondary assets in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone sub-region

##### Public, 4-year or above

North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

##### Public, 2-year

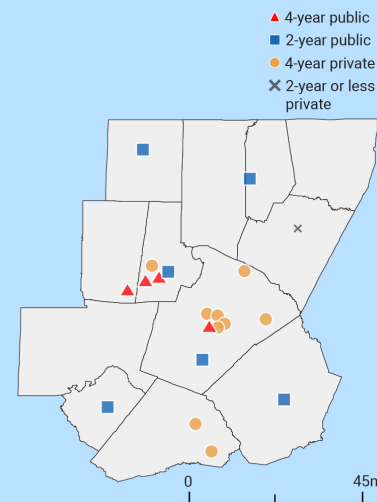
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

##### Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

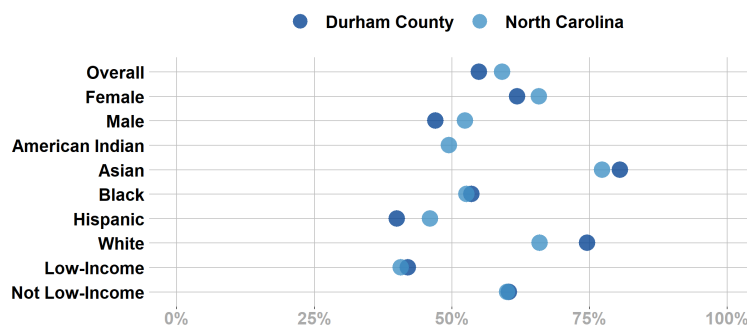
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

##### Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



#### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Durham County, 2022

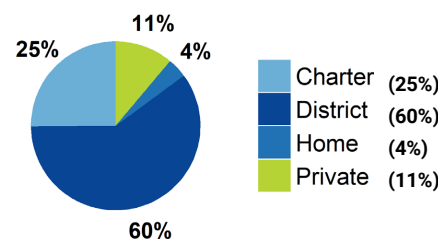


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

#### School Choice

51,227 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Durham County in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



#### Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Durham County completed **1,669 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (362 (22%) were industry-valued credentials) and 837 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

**2,140 high school students** took at least one **AP test (21%)** versus **26%** in peer counties (2023).

**400 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (17%)** versus **21%** in peer counties (2023).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

[dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/)