

Orange County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban
Local Education Agencies: 2 (2023)
Charter Schools: 2 (2023)

2030 Proposed Orange County Attainment Goal: 34,134 (Stretch Goal: 34,284)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 148,707
 2022 Estimate: 150,477
 Change: 1,770

Growth Rate

1.2% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$87,780
 Median Household Income (2022)
 State: \$67,516



65%
 Home Owners (2022)
 State: 67%



11.2%
 Child Poverty Rate (2022)
 State: 17.2%



4.7%
 Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
 State: 10.9%



81%
 Households with Broadband (2022)
 State: 77%



3.0%
 Unemployment Rate (2022)
 State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Orange 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 or Credential
6,595
 19.2%

Have Degree or Credential
27,739
 80.8%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Math Performance

49% of Orange County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.



Reading Performance

46% of Orange County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state goal of 73%.



FAFSA Completion

68% of Orange County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the state goal of 80%.

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 Orange County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Orange

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

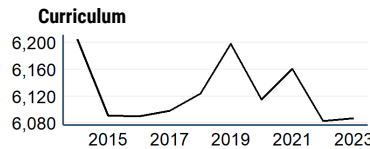
\$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

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

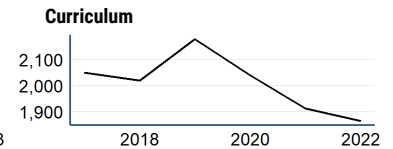
Orange County is served by:

Capital Area Workforce Development Board
 Central Pines Council of Governments

UNC System College Enrollment



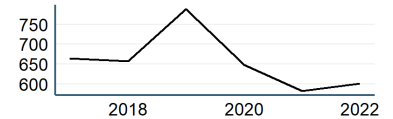
NC Community College Enrollment



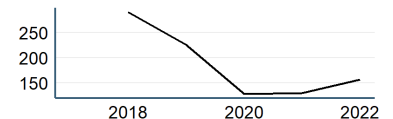
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

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

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



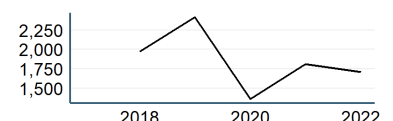
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Orange County

Employer	Employment Range
UNC Chapel Hill	1000+
UNC Health Care System	1000+
NC Health	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

14% of Orange County residents have **student loan debt**; 4% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Orange County High School Graduates

- 91% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 76% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 1,453 of all college-goers attended **Durham TCC**
- 608 of all college-goers attended **Alamance CC**
- 326 of all college-goers attended **UNC_CH**

68% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 168 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

82% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022

70% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022

23% of Orange County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

How students in Orange County traditional schools are doing:

72% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 9 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023

46% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 3,407 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

49% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 3,176 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

92% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 47 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023

22% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 2,135 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Orange County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 288:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2023

2% of students **drop out of high school** (114 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

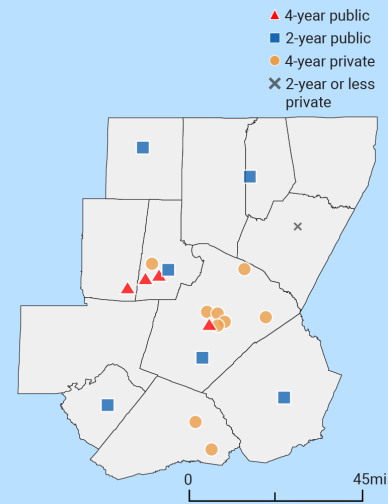
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

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

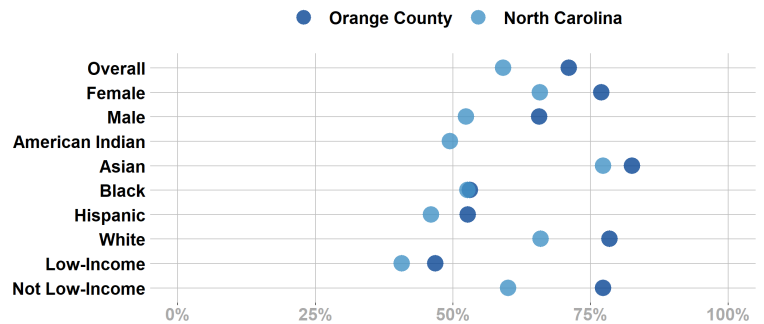
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Orange County, 2022

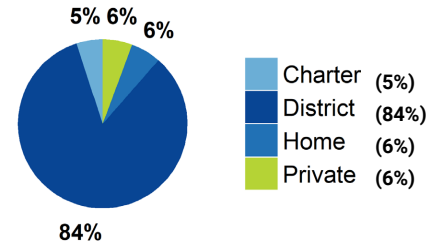


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

22,070 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Orange 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 Orange County completed 2,363 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (727 (31%) were industry-valued credentials) and 906 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Health Science; and Information Technology.

2,496 high school students took at least one **AP test** (39%) versus 15% in peer counties (2023).

384 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (26%) versus 39% in peer counties (2023).

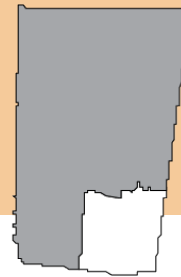
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City/District School Profile

Orange County Schools | 2022-2023

This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles



district boundary

Total Schools: 14 Total Students: 7,056

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Orange County Schools are currently doing:

- **31%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 1,325 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **36%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 1,604 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **88%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 45 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **24%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 983 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023



Orange County Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio of 271:1**. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Orange County Schools completed **1,138 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (318 (28%) were industry-valued credentials) and 407 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Human Services.



380 high school students took at least one **AP test (16%)** (2023).



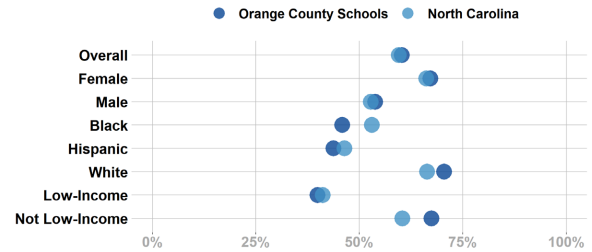
198 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (35%)** (2023).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Orange County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

- **66%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 73 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **76%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- **58%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Orange County Schools, 2022



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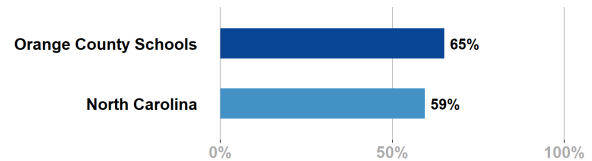
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- Durham TCC
- Alamance CC
- Wake TCC

• **86%** of college students **persist to their second year** of attendance. 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022



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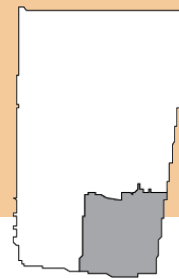
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City/District School Profile

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools | 2022-2023

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■ district boundary

Total Schools: 21 Total Students: 11,397

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are currently doing:

- **55%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 979 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **56%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 1,572 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has met the goal for **high school graduation within four years**. (Goal: **95%**). 2023
- **21%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 1,152 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023



Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio of 300:1**. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools completed **1,225 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (409 (33%) were industry-valued credentials) and 499 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Information Technology; and Health Science.



2,116 high school students took at least one **AP test (54%)** (2023).



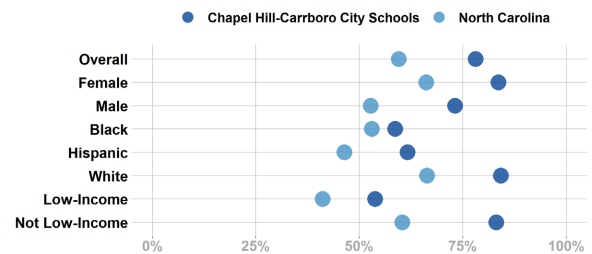
186 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (20%)** (2023).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

- **69%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 95 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **85%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- **76%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2022

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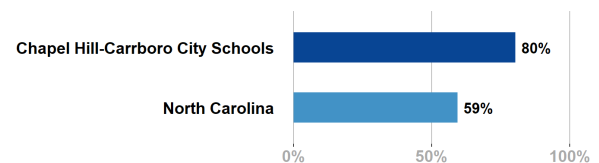
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