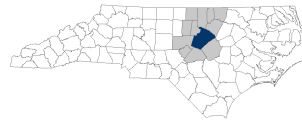


Wake County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Urban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 26 (2023)

2030 Proposed Wake County Attainment Goal: 300,739 (Stretch Goal: 301,916)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 1,129,393
 2022 Estimate: 1,175,021
 Change: 45,628

Growth Rate

4.0% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$97,099
 Median Household Income (2022)
 State: \$67,516



64%
 Home Owners (2022)
 State: 67%



9.6%
 Child Poverty Rate (2022)
 State: 17.2%



8.1%
 Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
 State: 10.9%



85%
 Households with Broadband (2022)
 State: 77%



3.1%
 Unemployment Rate (2022)
 State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Wake 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
84,139
 25.1%

Have Degree or Credential
250,929
 74.9%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



School Counselors

Wake County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 329:1, above the urban county average of 286:1.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

40% of Wake County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.



Math Performance

47% of Wake County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.

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 Wake County has been meeting local needs:

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

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

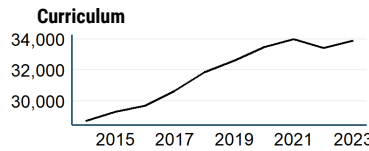
\$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

69% of adults (ages 25-44) in Wake County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

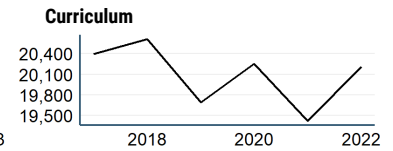
Wake County is served by:

Capital Area Workforce Development Board
 Central Pines Council of Governments

UNC System College Enrollment



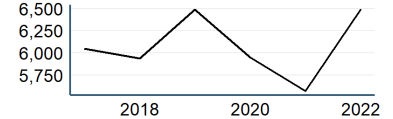
NC Community College Enrollment



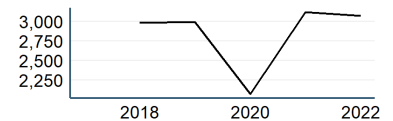
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

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

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



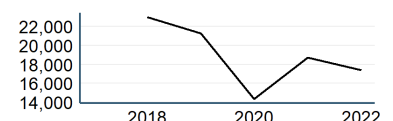
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Wake County

Employer	Employment Range
Wake County Public Schools	1000+
NC State University At Raleigh	1000+
Wake Med	1000+

Continuing Education



POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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

19% of Wake County residents have student loan debt; 7% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Wake County High School Graduates

- 89% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 86% in peer counties. 2022
- 70% 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

- 24,536 of all college-goers attended Wake TCC
- 1,507 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 1,394 of all college-goers attended NC State

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 66% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 1,660 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 89% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 81% in peer counties. 2022
- 71% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 64% in peer counties. 2022

27% of Wake County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 37% in peer counties.

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Wake County traditional schools are doing:

- 40% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 1,164 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 42% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 31,535 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 47% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 28,240 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 673 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 23% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 19,205 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Wake County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 329:1 versus 286:1 in peer counties. 2023

1% of students drop out of high school (721 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

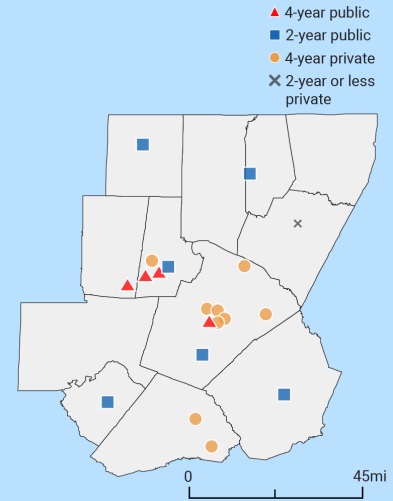
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

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

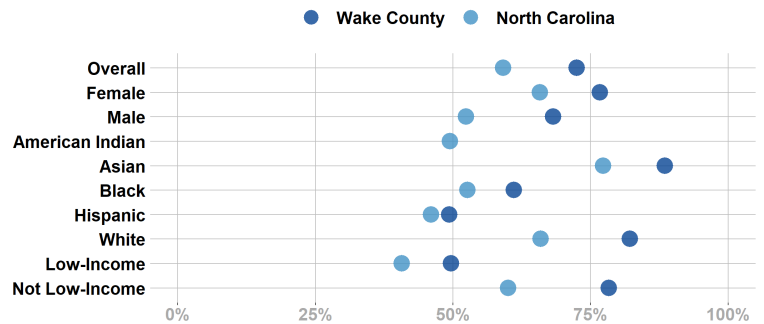
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Wake County, 2022

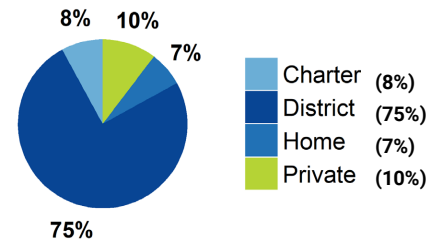


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

210,249 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Wake 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 Wake County completed 28,185 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (10,102 (36%) were industry-valued credentials) and 7,323 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Human Services; and Information Technology.

16,403 high school students took at least one AP test (31%) versus 26% in peer counties (2023).

2,237 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (18%) 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/