

# Orange County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Suburban

## Educational Attainment

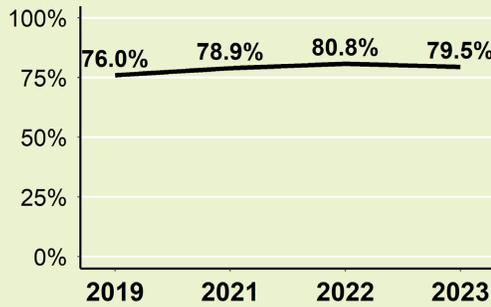
Orange County residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
27,416  
79.5%

**No Degree**  
7,075  
20.5%

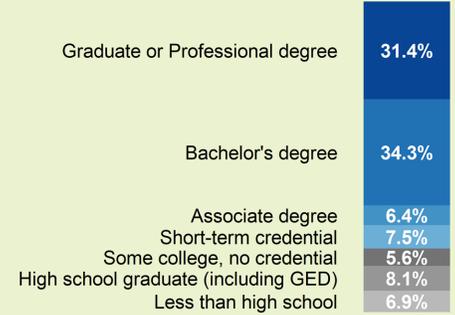
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
34,491

## Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

## Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

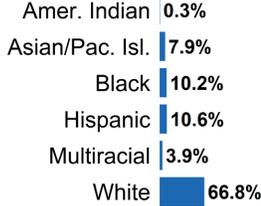
## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 148,717  
2023 Estimate: 150,626  
Change: 1,909

## Growth Rate

1.3% County vs. 3.8% State

## Race/Ethnicity



**\$86,736**  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838

**64.2%**  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%

**81.4%**  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%

**10.5%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%

**10.9%**  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%

**12.6%**  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

## Top Opportunities for Growth



### Family Sustaining Wage

59% of Orange County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the state goal of 66%.

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

**75.8%**

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

## Top Misalignments

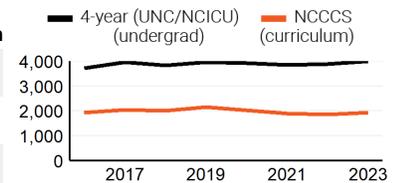
### Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Health Science Jobs > Creds
- Business Management & Administration Jobs > Creds
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Jobs < Creds

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

| Job Title           | Annual Growth |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Nurse Practitioners | 4.09%         |
| Data Scientists     | 3.79%         |
| Statisticians       | 3.71%         |

## Postsecondary Enrollment for Orange County Residents



**30** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

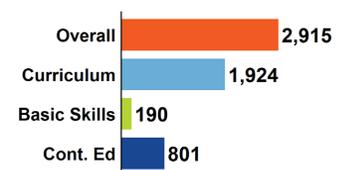
## UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**19,047** graduates in 2020  
**64.9%** 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), 2021

## Top 3 Employers in Orange County

| Employer               | Employment Range |
|------------------------|------------------|
| UNC Chapel Hill        | 1000+            |
| UNC Health Care System | 1000+            |
| Rex Healthcare Inc     | 1000+            |

## Orange County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

**58.7%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Orange County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 51.8% | State: 57.6%, 2023

**3.9%** of youth (ages 16-24) in Orange County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 11.2% | State: 10.3%, 2023

**84.6%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Orange County participated in the labor force. Peer: 83.4% | State: 84.2%, 2023

## Top 3 industries in Orange County

| Industry                          | Jobs   Percent |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Educational Services              | 22,990   29.0% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 19,666   24.8% |
| Retail Trade                      | 6,583   8.3%   |

## Orange County is served by:

- Capital Area Workforce Development Board
- Central Pines Council of Governments

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Postsecondary Completion

72% of Orange County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the state goal of 80%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

4,998 certificate | 5,648 associate | 16,524 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Orange County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

133 Basic Skills  
625 Continuing Education  
543 Curriculum

5.6% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.1% | State: 11.7%, 2023



14.4% of Orange County residents have student loan debt, 1.1% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2024

Success of Orange County High School Graduates

91.6% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 83.9% | State: 83.8%, 2023

95.0% UNC | 78.0% NCCCS | 94.0% NCICU

72.5% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 61.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

41.7% UNC | 6.7% NCCCS | 6.0% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 1,565 of all college-goers attended UNC Chapel Hill
- 1,537 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 597 of all college-goers attended Alamance CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

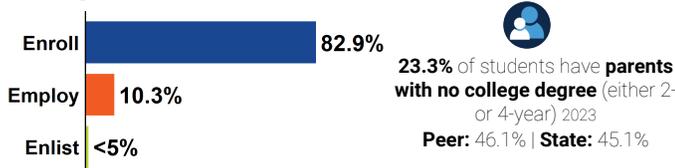


FAFSA Completion

60% of Orange County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the state goal of 80%.

59.7% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 294 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 55.0% | State: 55.0%

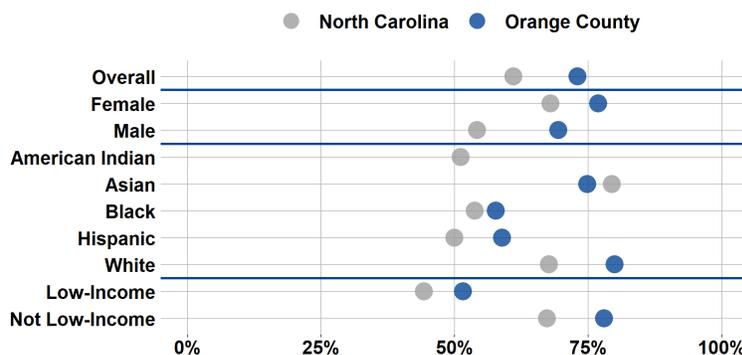
Post High School Graduation Intentions



88.3% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 113 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 88.5% | State: 87.3% 2024

71.3% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 58.8% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Orange County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Math Performance

50% of Orange County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.

Orange County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%). Peer: 46.5% | State: 57.2% 2024

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Orange County Traditional Public Schools students:

45.9% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 2,280 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 30.8% | State: 29.8%

49.9% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 3,030 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 37.8% | State: 36.5%

21.9% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 2,082 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 23.7% | State: 25.7%

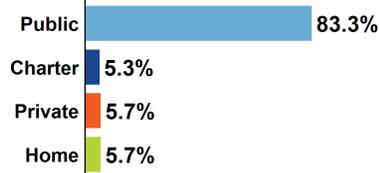
Orange County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 291:1 compared to 328:1 in peer counties, 2024

1.7% of students drop out of high school (114 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide, 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 2  
Traditional Public School(s): 33  
Charter School(s): 2  
Private School(s): 6  
Home School(s): 780

21,893 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 2,363 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 906 concentrations. 727 (30.8%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Health Science; and Information Technology.

2,530 (40.4%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

405 (26.3%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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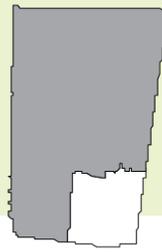
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# Orange County Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 13 Total Students: 6,970 (2024)

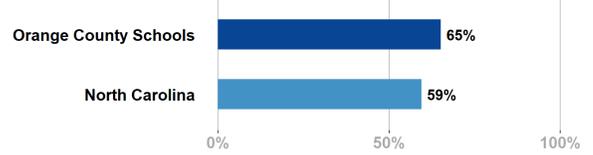
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### Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- UNC Chapel Hill
- Durham TCC
- Alamance CC

**87.4%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year.**  
2023

### Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2023



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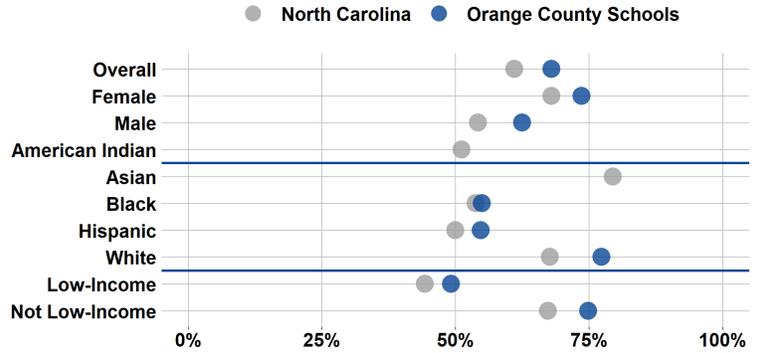
### How students in Orange County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

**55.5%** of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 124 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**.

**75.6%** of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

**66.2%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Orange County Schools, 2023



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## ACADEMIC READINESS

### How students in Orange County Schools are currently doing:

**33.3%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 1,261 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**.

**38.6%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 1,506 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**.

**23.8%** of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 940 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11%**.



Orange County Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **304:1**. 2024

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **1,138 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **407 concentrations**. **318 (27.9%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Human Services.



**425** (18%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**  
State: 16.8% (2023).



**202** (36.7%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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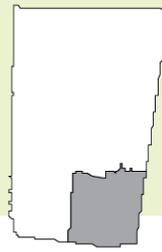
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# Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 20 Total Students: 11,266 (2024)

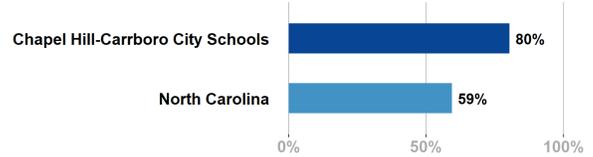
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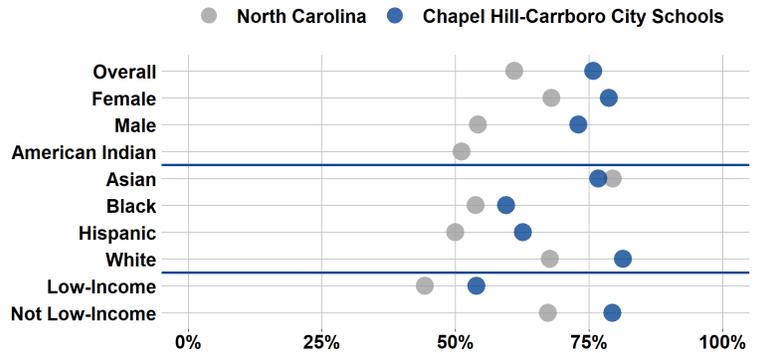
### How students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

62.0% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 170 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%.

87.4% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

74.0% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 2023



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

## ACADEMIC READINESS

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

53.5% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 1,019 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

56.8% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 1,523 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

20.8% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 1,142 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.



Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 283:1. 2024

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **1,225 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **499 concentrations**. **409 (33.4%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Information Technology; and Health Science.



**2,105 (54%)** high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**  
State: 16.8% (2023).



**203 (20.5%)** high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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