

# Durham

## Workforce Development Board (WDB)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Counties in Workforce Development Board:  
Durham County

### Educational Attainment

Durham WDB residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
**78,086**  
73.5%

**No Degree**  
**28,157**  
26.5%

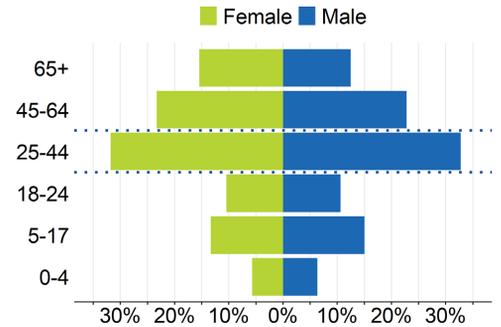
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
**106,243**

### Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

### Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Durham Attainment Goal: 73,098

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

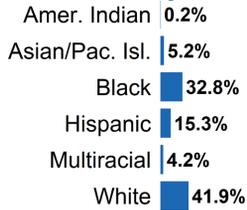
### Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 324,846  
2023 Estimate: 336,892  
Change: 12,046

### Growth Rate

**3.7%** vs. **3.8%**  
County State

### Race/Ethnicity, 2023



**\$81,413**  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838

**55.0%**  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%

**81.9%**  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%

**16.8%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%

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

**15.2%**  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### In Durham:

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

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**1,816** graduates in 2020  
**76.2%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
**\$44,230** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

**59.9%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Durham earned a **family sustaining wage**. State: 57.6%, 2023

**9.2%** of youth (ages 16-24) in Durham were **Opportunity Youth**. State: 10.3%, 2023

**86.5%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Durham **participated in the labor force**. State: 84.2%, 2023

### Durham Labor Force Snapshot, 2024 Q2

|                  |                |                         |               |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Total Jobs       | <b>237,936</b> | Business Establishments | <b>11,802</b> |
| Employed         | <b>179,379</b> | Unemployed              | <b>6,704</b>  |
| Avg. Weekly Wage | <b>\$1,805</b> |                         |               |

### Top Industries in Durham, 2024 Q2

| Industry Name                                    | Average Employment | Average Weekly Wages |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| Health Care and Social Assistance                | <b>43,233</b>      | <b>\$1,505</b>       |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | <b>34,815</b>      | <b>\$2,468</b>       |
| Educational Services                             | <b>31,585</b>      | <b>\$1,769</b>       |
| Manufacturing                                    | <b>24,578</b>      | <b>\$2,663</b>       |
| Accommodation and Food Services                  | <b>15,540</b>      | <b>\$552</b>         |

### Top Job Sectors in Durham, 2024 Q2

| Job Sector         | Average Employment | Average Weekly Wages |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Private            | <b>215,784</b>     | <b>\$1,838</b>       |
| Local Government   | <b>10,743</b>      | <b>\$1,153</b>       |
| Federal Government | <b>6,495</b>       | <b>\$2,173</b>       |
| State Government   | <b>4,913</b>       | <b>\$1,260</b>       |

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

### Degree Credentials Awarded in Durham, 2023

657 certificate | 674 associate | 3,348 bachelor's

### Adult Learners

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

729 Basic Skills  
1,791 Continuing Education  
1,524 Curriculum

4.4% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

### Success of Durham High School Graduates

83.4% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

91.3% UNC | 67.7% NCCCS | 86.0% NCICU

51.2% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

33.0% UNC | 6.2% NCCCS | 5.0% NCICU

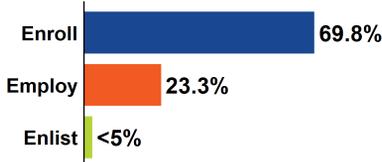
### Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 5,092 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 1,183 of all college-goers attended Wake TCC
- 909 of all college-goers attended North Carolina Central University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

58.5% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 464 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

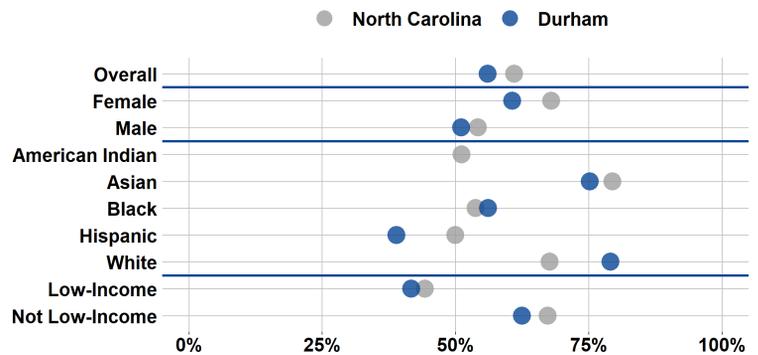
### Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



83.3% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 335 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

54.3% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. State: 59.3% 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in WDB, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

37.1% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 585 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

### Durham Traditional Public Schools students:

28.1% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 7,793 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

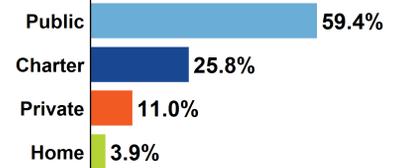
31.1% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 5,635 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

37.2% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 8,680 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

4.2% of students drop out of high school (471 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

### School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1  
Traditional Public School(s): 54  
Charter School(s): 16  
Private School(s): 42  
Home School(s): 1,154



51,864 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 1,669 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 837 concentrations. 362 (21.7%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

2,227 (22.3%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

453 (18.2%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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

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