Chatham County

Chatham County myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Chatham County Attainment Goal: 13,830 (Stretch Goal: 13,929)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 76,270
2022 Estimate: 79,864
Change: 3,594

Growth Rate
4.7% vs. 2.5%
County State

Median Household Income (2022)
$84,516
State: $67,516

80% Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

14.7% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

11.9% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%

71% Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

3.1% Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Chatham County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
6,076 38.7%

Have Degree or Credential
9,628 61.3%

Less than high school
15%

High school graduate (including GED)
19%

Some college, no credential
5%

Short-term credential
10%

Associate degree
24%

Bachelor's degree
19%

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 Chatham County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Chatham

In Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
76.5% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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)

52% of adults (ages 25-44) in Chatham County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Chatham County is served by:
Capital Area Workforce Development Board
Central Pines Council of Governments

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Chatham County to improve future attainment outcomes.

School Counselors
Chatham County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 368:1, above the rural-metro county average of 362:1.

Math Performance
41% of Chatham County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.

Reading Performance
36% of Chatham County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state goal of 73%.

Top Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title
Nurse Practitioners
Data Scientists
Statisticians

Annual Growth
4%
4%
4%

Top 3 Employers in Chatham County
Employer
Chatham County Schools
County Of Chatham
Carolina Meadows Inc

Employment Range
1000+
500-999
250-499

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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

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/