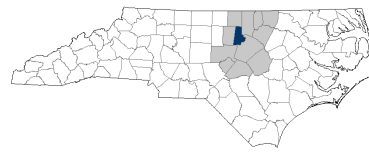


Durham County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Urban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 16 (2023)

2030 Proposed Durham County Attainment Goal: 73,098 (Stretch Goal: 73,537)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 324,849
2022 Estimate: 332,680
Change: 7,831

Growth Rate

2.4% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$79,524
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



55%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



17.1%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



9.7%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



80%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.2%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Durham 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
29,215
27.9%



Have Degree or Credential
75,574
72.1%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



NC Pre-K Enrollment

30% of Durham County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.



Chronic Absenteeism

37% of Durham County students are chronically absent from school, above the urban county average of 28%.



Math Performance

30% of Durham County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the urban county average of 39%.

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 Durham County has been meeting local needs:

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

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)



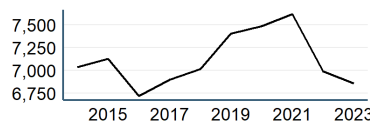
59% of adults (ages 25-44) in Durham County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Durham County is served by:

Durham Workforce Development Board
Central Pines Council of Governments

UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



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

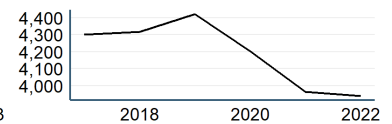
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Data Scientists	4%
Statisticians	4%

Top 3 Employers in Durham County

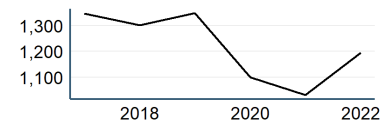
Employer	Employment Range
Duke University	1000+
Fidelity Workplace Investing LLC	1000+
Durham Public Schools	1000+

NC Community College Enrollment

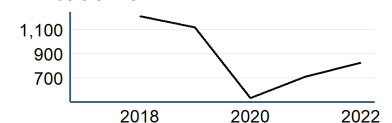
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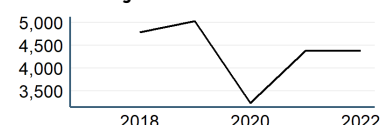
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Durham County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

829 Basic Skills
4,390 Continuing Education
3,940 Curriculum



21% of Durham County residents have **student loan debt**; 8% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Durham County High School Graduates

- 83% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 86% in peer counties. 2022
- 55% 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

- 4,755 of all college-goers attended **Durham TCC**
- 1,108 of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- 325 of all college-goers attended **Duke University**

61% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 405 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

69% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 81% in peer counties. 2022

53% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 64% in peer counties. 2022



41% of Durham County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 37% in peer counties.

How students in Durham County traditional schools are doing:

30% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 806 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023

28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 7,787 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 7,496 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

84% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 295 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023

37% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 8,702 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023



Durham County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 259:1 versus 286:1 in peer counties. 2023



4% of students **drop out of high school** (471 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

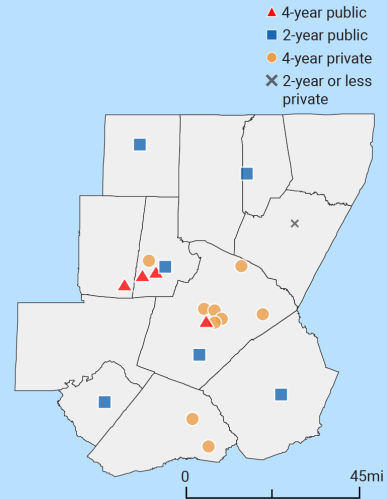
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

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

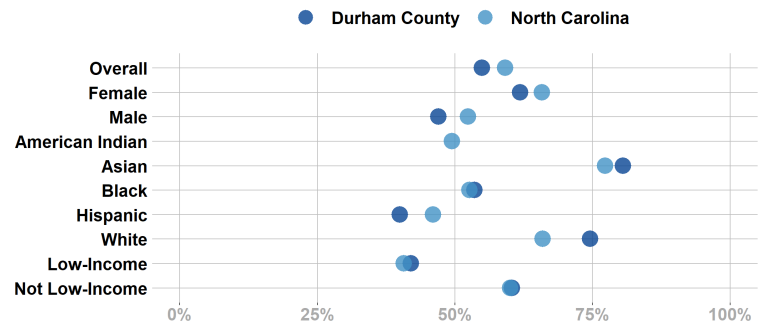
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Durham County, 2022

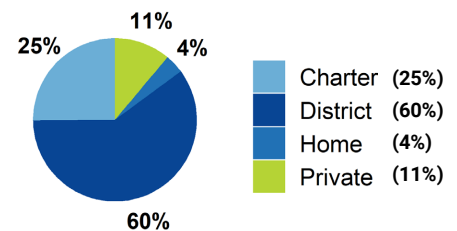


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

51,227 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Durham 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 Durham County completed **1,669 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (362 (22%) were industry-valued credentials)** and **837 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.



2,140 high school students took at least one **AP test** (21%) versus 26% in peer counties (2023).



400 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (17%) 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/