Orange County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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Educational Attainment
Orange County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
6,595 (19.2%)

Have Degree or Credential
27,739 (80.8%)

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

Math Performance
49% of Orange County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.

Reading Performance
46% of Orange County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state goal of 73%.

FAFSA Completion
68% of Orange County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the state goal of 80%.

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

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)

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

Orange County is served by:
Capital Area Workforce Development Board
Central Pines Council of Governments
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### Adult Learners
Orange County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 157 Basic Skills
- 1,711 Continuing Education
- 1,864 Curriculum

14% of Orange County residents have student loan debt; 4% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

### Success of Orange County High School Graduates
- 91% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 76% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2022

### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 1,453 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 608 of all college-goers attended Alamance CC
- 326 of all college-goers attended UNC_CH

- 68% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 168 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 82% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022
- 70% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022

23% of Orange County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

### How students in Orange County traditional schools are doing:
- 72% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 9 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 46% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 3,407 more need to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 49% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 3,176 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 92% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 47 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 21% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide, 1,872 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Orange County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 288:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2022

1% of students drop out of high school (67 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

### 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 Orange County, 2022

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

### School Choice
22,070 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Orange 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 Orange County completed 1,613 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 739 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Health Science; and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics.

- 2,140 high school students took at least one AP course (34%) versus 14% in peer counties (2022).
- 389 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (13%) versus 23% in peer counties (2022).

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

Orange County Schools | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 14 Total Students: 7,056

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Orange County Schools are currently doing:
• 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,325 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
• 36% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,604 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
• 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 45 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
• 22% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 851 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Orange County Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 271:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Orange County Schools completed 821 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 310 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

356 high school students took at least one AP course (15%) (2022). 228 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (21%) (2022).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Orange County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:
• 66% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 73 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
• 76% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022
• 58% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Orange County Schools, 2022

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

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
• Durham TCC
• Alamance CC
• Wake TCC
• 86% of college students persist to their second year of attendance. 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022

Orange County Schools 65%
North Carolina 59%

** Observations <10 or no data available

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City/District School Profile
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 21 Total Students: 11,397

ACADEMIC READINESS

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

- 55% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 979 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 56% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,572 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has met the goal for high school graduation within four years (Goal: 95%). 2023
- 20% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,021 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 300:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools completed 792 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 429 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Health Science.

1,784 high school students took at least one AP course (46%) (2022).
161 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (9%) (2022).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

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

- 69% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 95 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 85% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- 76% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, 2022

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

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- Durham TCC
- Alamance CC
- Wake TCC
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