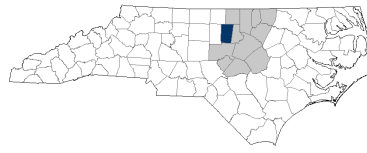


# Orange County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
**Peer County Type:** Suburban  
**Local Education Agencies:** 2 (2023)  
**Charter Schools:** 2 (2023)

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 148,707  
2022 Estimate: 150,477  
Change: 1,770

## Growth Rate

**1.2%** County vs. **2.5%** State



**\$87,780**  
Median Household Income (2022)  
State: \$67,516



**65%**  
Home Owners (2022)  
State: 67%



**11.2%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%



**4.9%**  
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)  
State: 12.1%



**81%**  
Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%



**3.0%**  
Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

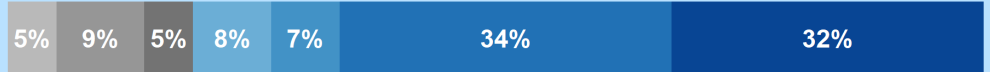
## Educational Attainment

Orange 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 or Credential**  
**6,595**  
19.2%

**Have Degree or Credential**  
**27,739**  
80.8%



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

## 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](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Orange)

## 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)



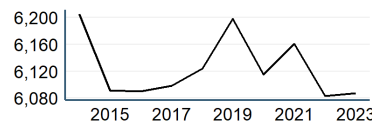
**59%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Orange County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Orange County is served by:

Capital Area 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

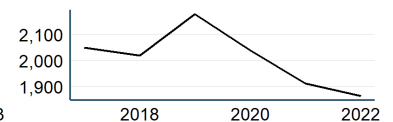
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Data Scientists	4%
Statisticians	4%

### Top 3 Employers in Orange County

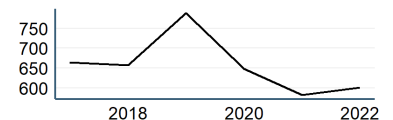
Employer	Employment Range
UNC Chapel Hill	1000+
UNC Health Care System	1000+
NC Health	1000+

### NC Community College Enrollment

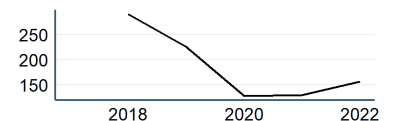
#### Curriculum



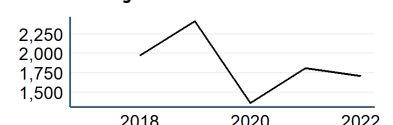
#### First-time Curriculum Enrollments



#### Basic Skills



#### Continuing Education



## 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 needed 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 needed 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

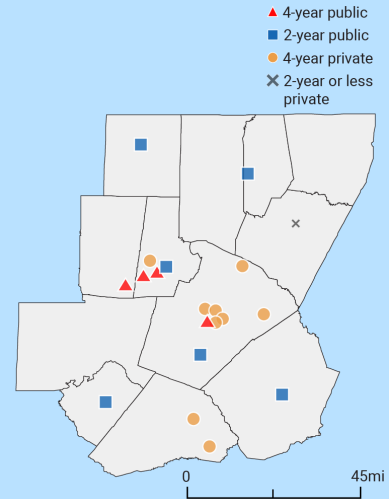
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

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

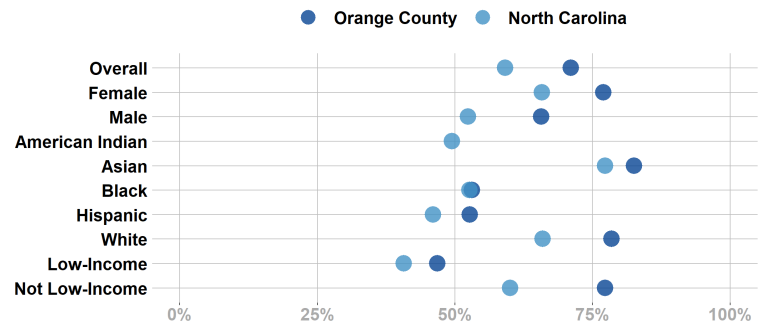
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

### Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



## Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Orange County, 2022

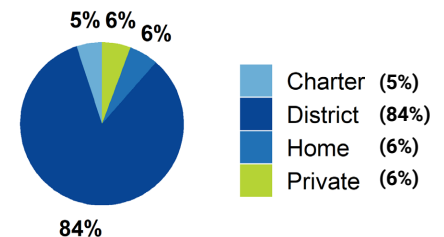


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## School Choice

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).

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# City/District School Profile

## Orange County Schools | 2022-2023

This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles



district boundary

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).



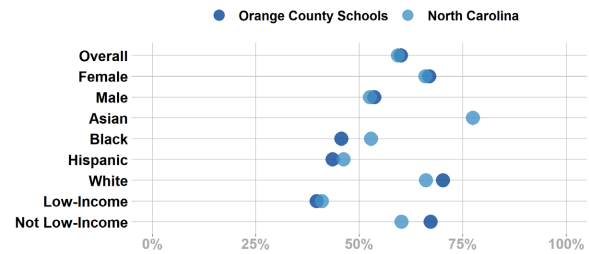
**228 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (21%)** (2022).

### 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



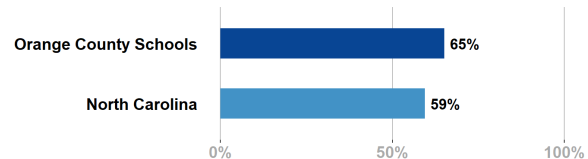
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### POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

#### 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



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# City/District School Profile

## Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools | 2022-2023

This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles



district boundary

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).



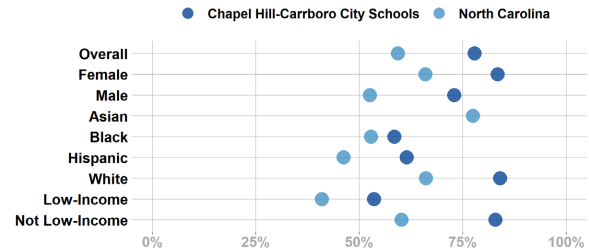
**161 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (9%)** (2022).

### 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



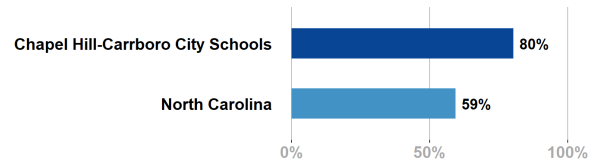
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### POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

#### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- Durham TCC
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- Wake TCC
- **94%** 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



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