Wake County

Educational Attainment
Wake County residents ages 25-44, 2022

- No Degree: 84,139 (25.1%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 250,929 (74.9%)

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

- **School Counselors**
  Wake County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 329:1, above the urban county average of 286:1.

- **NC Pre-K Enrollment**
  40% of Wake County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.

- **Math Performance**
  47% of Wake County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.

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

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)

**Wake County is served by:**
- Capital Area Workforce Development Board
- Central Pines Council of Governments

**2030 Proposed Wake County Attainment Goal: 300,739 (Stretch Goal: 301,916)**

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million
Wake County 2024 Attainment Profile

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 Wake County, 2022
- Overall
  - Wake County: 8% vs. 10% North Carolina
- Female
  - Wake County: 8% vs. 10% North Carolina
- Male
  - Wake County: 7% vs. 10% North Carolina
- American Indian
  - Wake County: 75% vs. 75% North Carolina
- Asian
  - Wake County: 32% vs. 35% North Carolina
- Black
  - Wake County: 7% vs. 10% North Carolina
- Hispanic
  - Wake County: 8% vs. 10% North Carolina
- White
  - Wake County: 75% vs. 75% North Carolina
- Low-Income
  - Wake County: 8% vs. 10% North Carolina
- Not Low-Income
  - Wake County: 7% vs. 10% North Carolina

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

School Choice
- 210,249 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Wake County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
- Students in Wake County completed 16,489 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 5,988 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Human Services; and Information Technology.
- 15,198 high school students took at least one AP course (30%) versus 24% in peer counties (2022).
- 1,848 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (8%) versus 12% in peer counties (2022).

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