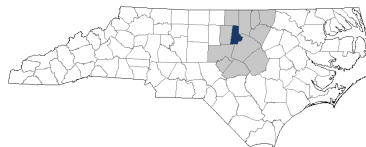


Durham County

2022-2023 County Attainment Profile

Updated: Jun 16 2023



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

2030 Proposed Durham County Attainment Goal: 73,098 (75%)


2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)


Population Spotlight


2021 Census: 267,587
2022 Census: 324,833
Change: 57,246


Growth Rate


21.4% County vs. **9.5%** State


\$65,619
Median Household Income (2021)
State: \$59,616


55%
Home Owners (2021)
State: 66%


19.1%
Child Poverty Rate (2021)
State: 19.3%


7.8%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%


92%
Households with Broadband (2021)
State: 88%


4.1%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 4.8%

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
29.9%
30,766


Have Degree or Credential
70.1%
72,257



Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Transition to Postsecondary

51% of Durham County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the urban county average of 62%.



Math Performance

25% of Durham County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the urban county average of 35%.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

32% of Durham County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 40%.

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

In the Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.8%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:

Health Science (below bachelor's)
Business Management & Administration (bachelor's)
Information Technology (bachelor's)

5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2021

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2021

65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2022

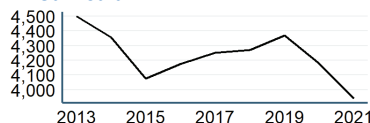
\$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

Durham County is served by:

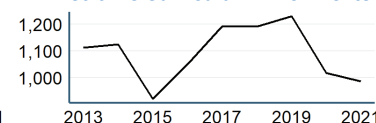
Durham Workforce Development Board
Triangle J Council of Governments

NC Community College Enrollment

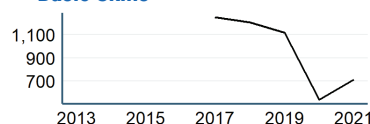
Curriculum



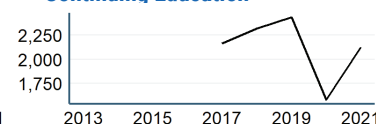
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



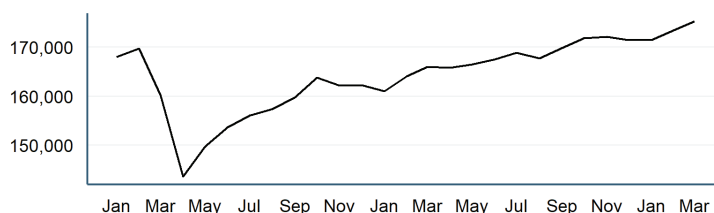
Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Number of Durham County residents employed, January 2021 to March 2022



Success of High School Students in Durham County

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2021

- 49% of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
 - 16% of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
 - 33% of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
 - <5% of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
 - 89% of college-goers attended an **in-state college**
- 75% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 81% in peer counties. 2022
 - 58% of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years versus 62% in peer counties. 2022

Adult Learners

NC Community College Enrollment Trends, 2022

712 Basic Skills
2,125 Continuing Education
3,939 Curriculum



22% of Durham County residents have **student loan debt**; 9% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2021

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

8,066 certificate | 5,938 associate | 16,203 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone sub-region

4-Year Public

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2-Year Public

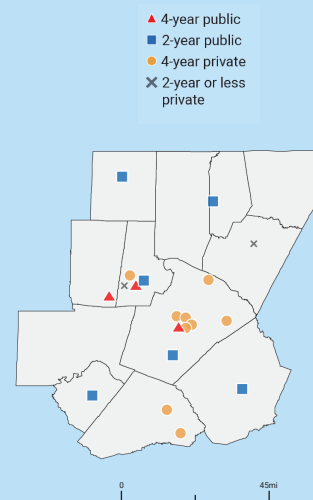
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4-Year Private

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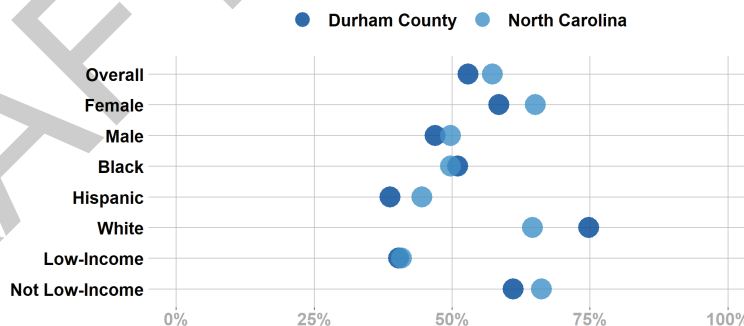
How students in Durham County traditional schools are currently doing:

- 57% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2022; 514 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2022
<https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/>
- 70% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 81% in peer counties. 2022
- 51% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 62% in peer counties. 2022



48% of Durham County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 40% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Durham County, 2022



Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

How students in Durham County traditional schools are currently doing:

- 32% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**; 863 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2022
- 25% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**; 6,467 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2022
- 25% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 8,340 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2022
- 87% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 220 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2022
- 34% of students are **chronically absent from school**; 7,086 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022

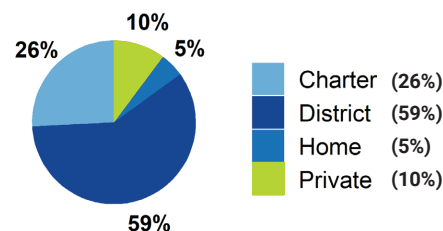


Durham County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 255:1 versus 294:1 in peer counties. 2022

School Choice

52,983 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Durham County in the 2022-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



Access to Post-Secondary Credits



1,866 high school students took at least one **AP course** (19%) versus 25% in peer counties (2022).



394 graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (16%) versus 17% in peer counties (2022).

Students in Durham County completed **765 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics.

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/