



# SNAPSHOTS OF THE TRIANGLE CHATHAM COUNTY

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## KEY FACTS

Chatham County  
was home to a  
population of

**69,000**

in 2014



**Siler City & Pittsboro**

were home to 18 of every 100  
residents

**22%**

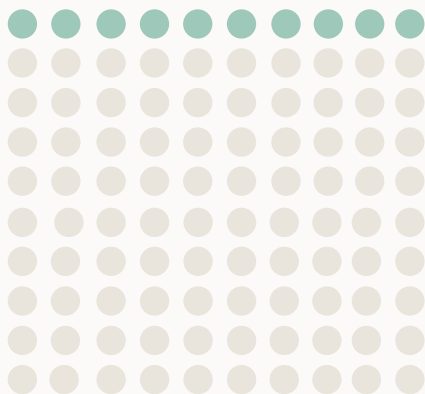
Of people lived in a municipal area,  
the smallest share in the region

\* in 2014



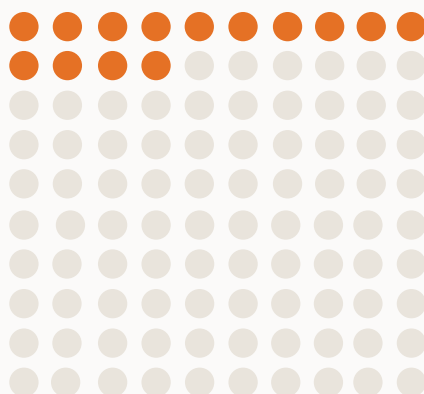
## Chatham County

population is the oldest and most racially and ethnically  
homogeneous one in the region. Although the share of adults  
with at least a bachelor's degree is the lowest in the Triangle,  
it still is relatively high compared to national standards.



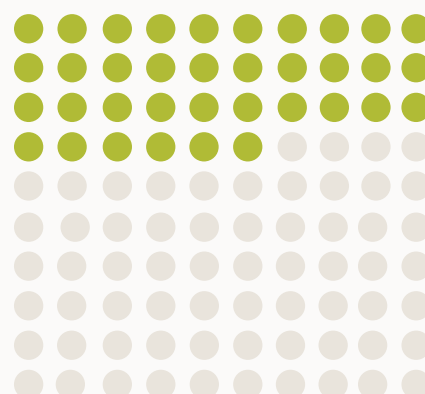
**10%**

Average Unemployment Rate\*



**14%**

Average Poverty Rate \*



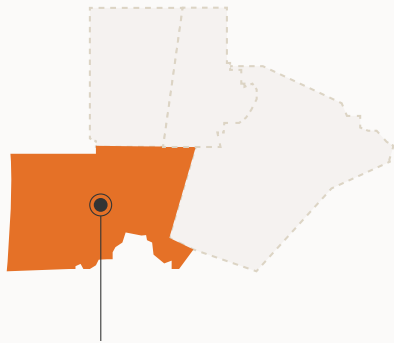
**36%**

Average Share of the  
population 25+ with a  
Bachelor's Degree or more\*

\* 2010-2014 average



## POPULATION GROWTH & CHARACTERISTICS

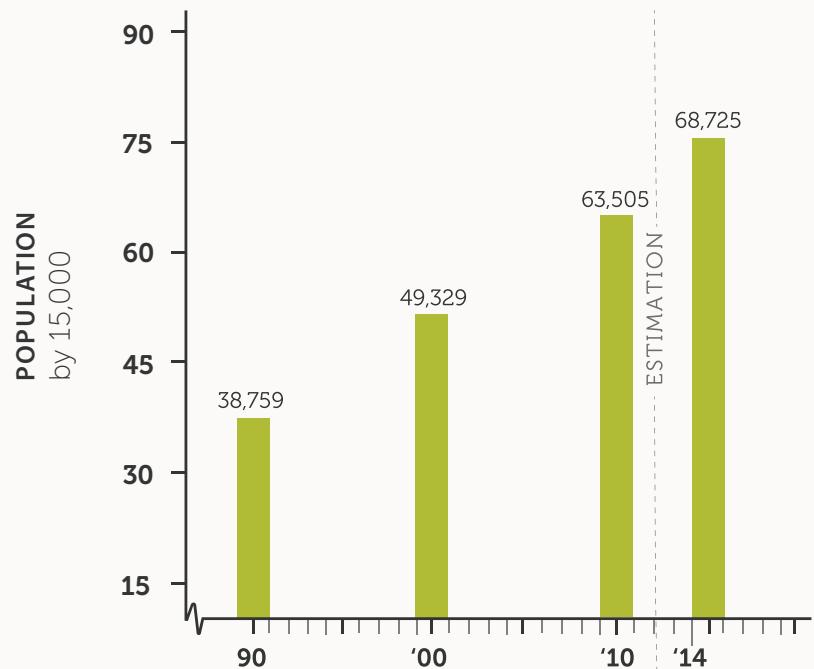


POPULATION DENSITY

**101**

persons per square mile

(2014)



YEAR

1990-2014

## URBANIZATION



THE TOWNS OF SILER CITY & PITTSBORO  
were home to approximately

**18** out of every **100**  
county residents in 2014

Altogether, **22%** of county residents lived in a municipal area. This was the smallest share in the region.



The Town  
of Siler City  
is the most  
populous municipality  
in the county with

**8,279**

PEOPLE

(2014)

**Half** of Chatham County residents were older than **46 years of age** giving Chatham County the **O L D E S T** population in the Triangle in 2014

**33%** of residents were born **outside of NC** or the American **South**  
(2014)

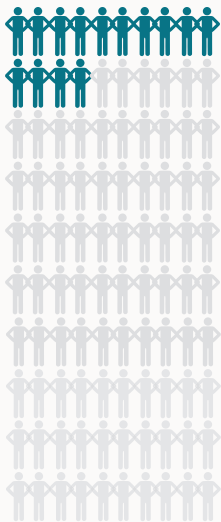


**9%** of county residents were **FOREIGN-BORN**  
(2014)



If projections hold, the county's population may grow by **37% from 2010 to 2030** rising to **86,776**

That translates to an average gain of **1,164 people per year**



People of color accounted for **14%** of the population **O V E R** the age of **SIXTY FIVE \***



**29/100** residents are people of color\*



People of color accounted for **47%** of the population **U N D E R** the age of **EIGHTEEN \***

\* in 2014



## EDUCATION

# 36%

of residents, on average, ages 25+ had earned at least a Bachelor's Degree (2010-2014)



## 43%

Non-Hispanic White Adults



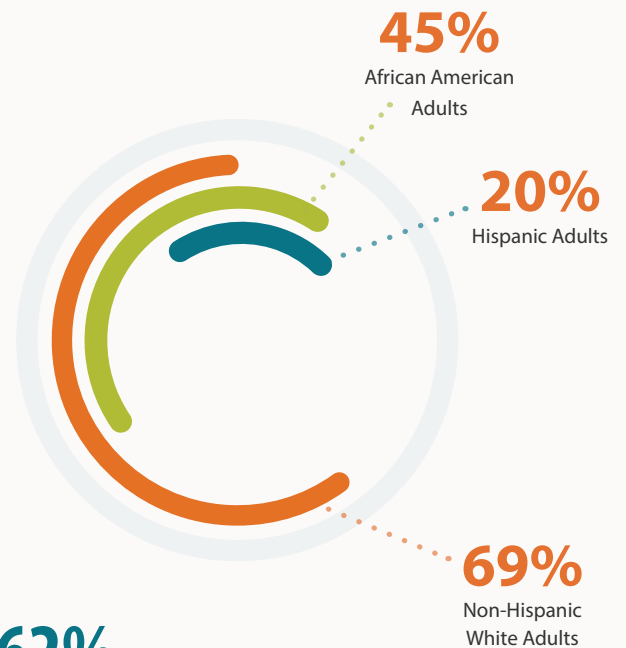
## 14%

African American Adults



## 6%

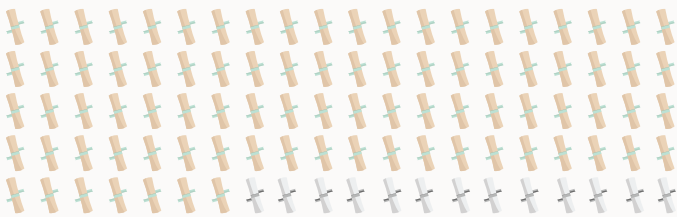
Hispanic Adults



## 62%

average residents 25+ who earned a degree credential (at least 2yrs - 2010-2014)

## CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS



# 87%

of students in the 9th grade during 2011-2012 graduated in four years.

The cohort graduation rates were:

**89%** Non-Hispanic White Students

**92%** African American Students

**80%** Hispanic Students

## YOUTH LITERACY

**57%** of public 3rd grade students in Chatham Schools were grade-level proficient in reading. (2014-2015)

That year, students who tested at an **advanced** level:

### NON HISPANIC WHITE STUDENTS



### AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS



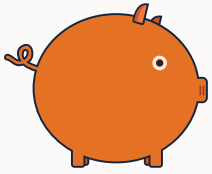
### HISPANIC STUDENTS



\*Indicates Benchmark



## ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS



### POVERTY

**14%** of **Chatham County** residents lived with incomes below the federal **poverty level**  
(on average, 2010-2014)

**40%**  
Hispanic  
Residents

**20%**  
African  
American  
Residents

**9%**  
Non-Hispanic  
White  
Residents



Some **53** of every **100** students in **Chatham Schools** were enrolled in the free and reduced **National School Lunch Program**

Academic year: **2014-2015**

### Average Civilian Unemployment Rates 2010-2014



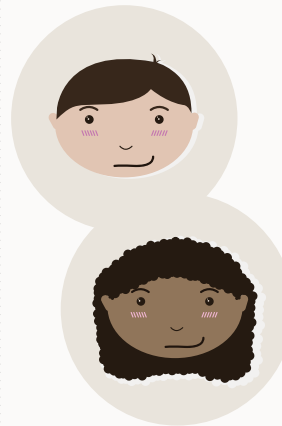
Hispanic **13%**



Non-Hispanic White **8%**



African American **18%**



### CHILD POVERTY

**23/100** children in **Chatham County** on average lived in households with incomes below the federal **poverty level**  
(on average, 2010-2014)

**50%**  
Hispanic  
Children

**28%**  
African  
American  
Children

**11%**  
Non-Hispanic  
White  
Children



On the night of **January 28, 2015** there were **11** people experiencing homelessness in Chatham County

In **2013** an estimated

**7,750**

residents of Chatham County were **food insecure** (at risk of hunger or hungry)

This total included

**2,900**

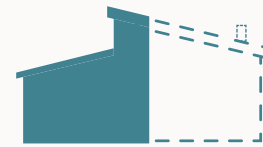
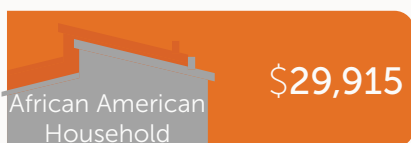
**C H I L D R E N**  
**That's 21 of every 100**



## INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income trend line  
\$57,140



between 2010-2014

# HALF

of all rental households (per month) paid more than **\$786** on basic utilities on average

**26 percent** of all renter households spent more than **\$1,000** each on rent & utilities on average

of all owner-occupied households with a mortgage spent more than **\$1,487** each month on **mortgage payments, real estate taxes, basic utilities, insurance, & selected fees** on average

**41 %**  
of renter households

&

**33 %**  
owner-occupied households with mortgages

Spent at least **30%** of their incomes on housing costs on average (2010-2014)



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#### Data Sources

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