



# SNAPSHOTS OF THE TRIANGLE ORANGE COUNTY

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## KEY FACTS

Orange County  
was home to a  
population of  
**139,933**

in 2014



**57,000**

People in Chapel Hill, the  
most populous municipality

**61%**

of residents lived in a  
municipal area

**1990-2010**

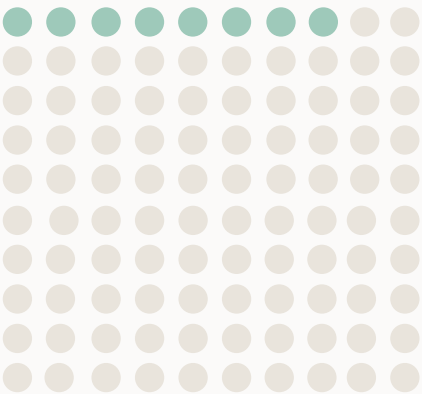
The population grew 43%  
or 40,000 people

\* in 2014



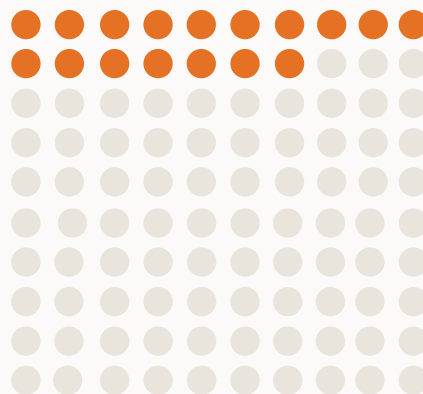
### Orange County

is the oldest of the four counties served by the Triangle  
Community Foundation, as well as the one with the  
youngest population, due in large part to the presence  
of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



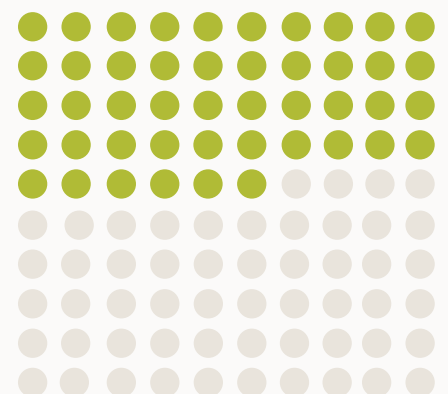
**8%**

Average Unemployment Rate\*



**17%**

Average Poverty Rate\*



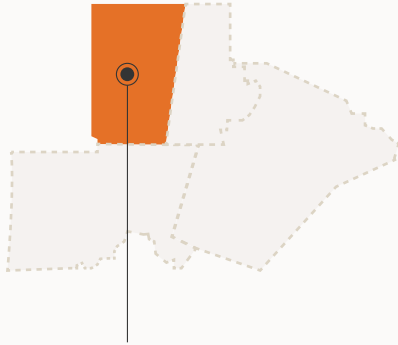
**56%**

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

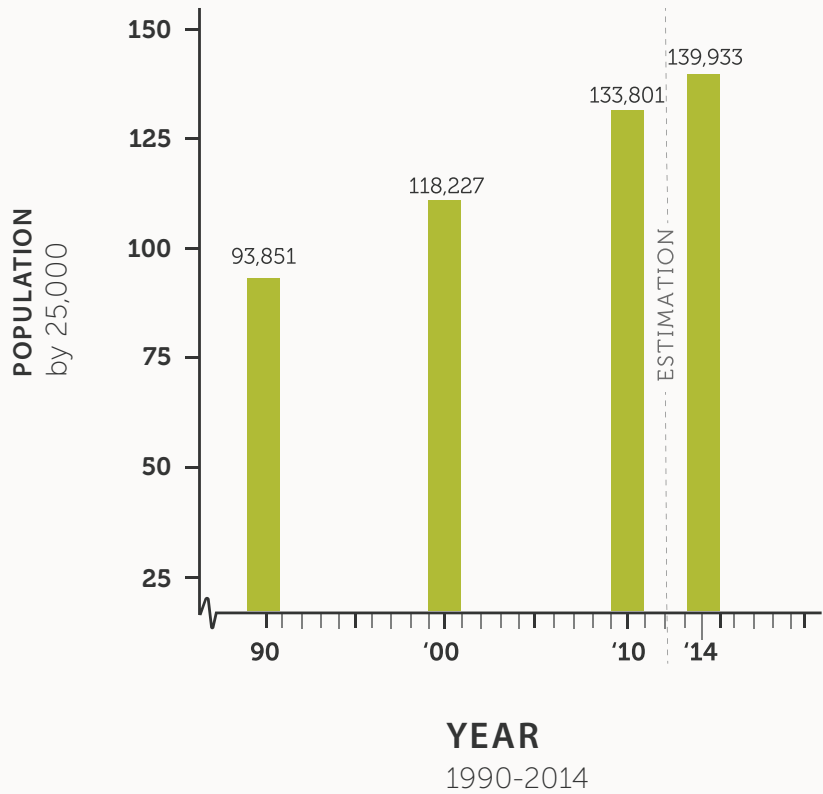
\* 2010-2014 average



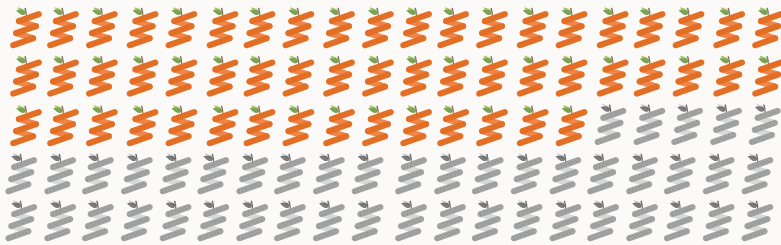
# POPULATION GROWTH & CHARACTERISTICS



POPULATION DENSITY  
**398**  
persons per square mile  
(2014)

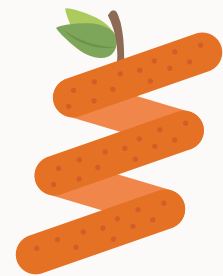


## URBANIZATION



The Town of Chapel Hill & Carrboro were home to approximately **55** out of every **100** county residents in 2014

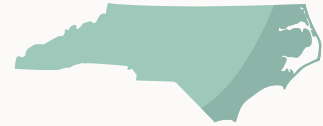
Altogether, **61%** of county residents lived in a municipal area. This was the second lowest share in the region.



The Town of Chapel Hill is the most populous municipality in the county with **56,702** PEOPLE  
(2014)

**Half** of Orange County residents were younger than **33.5 years of age** giving Orange County the **YOUNGEST** population of the Triangle in 2014

**44%** of residents were born **outside of NC** or the American **South** (2014)

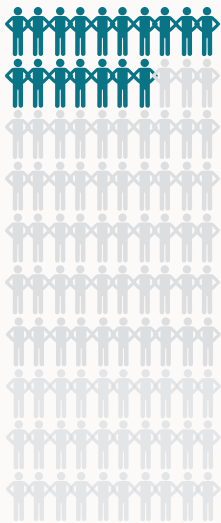


**14%** of county residents were **FOREIGN-BORN** (2014)



If projections hold, the county's population may grow by **25% from 2010 to 2030** rising to **166,565**

That translates to an average gain of **1,643 people per year**



People of color accounted for **17%** of the population **OVER** the age of **SIXTY FIVE\***



**30/100** residents are people of color\*



People of color accounted for **41%** of the population **UNDER** the age of **EIGHTEEN\***

\* in 2014



# EDUCATION

# 56%

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



# 63%

Non-Hispanic White Adults



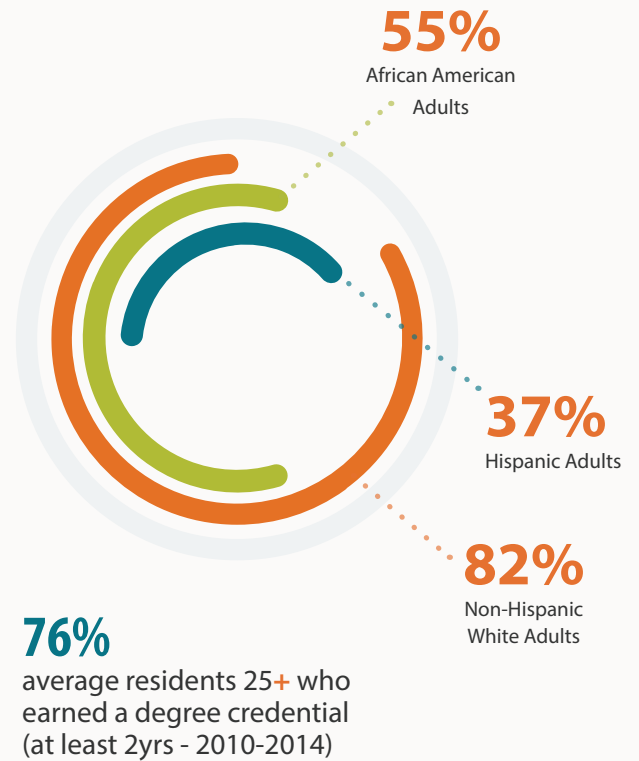
# 24%

African American Adults



# 20%

Hispanic Adults



## ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

# 88%

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

The cohort graduation rates were:

**87%** Non-Hispanic White Students

**92%** African American Students

**75%** Hispanic Students

## YOUTH LITERACY ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

**61%** of public 3rd grade students in Orange County 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



## Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

# 91%

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

The cohort graduation rates were:

**93%** Non-Hispanic White Students

**84%** African American Students

**85%** Hispanic Students

## YOUTH LITERACY Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

**78%** of public 3rd grade students in Orange County 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



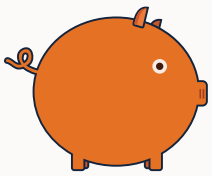
HISPANIC STUDENTS



\*Indicates Benchmark



# ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS



## POVERTY

**17%** of Orange County residents lived with incomes below the federal poverty level

(on average, 2010-2014)

**34%**  
Hispanic  
Residents

**27%**  
African  
American  
Residents

**13%**  
Non-Hispanic  
White  
Residents

Some **44** of every **100** students in Orange County Schools were enrolled in the free and reduced National School Lunch Program



The comparable figure in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools was **28** of every **100** students

(Academic year: 2014-2015)

## Average Civilian Unemployment Rates 2010-2014



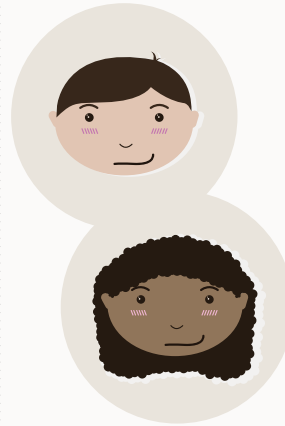
Hispanic **11%**



Non-Hispanic White **6%**



African American **14%**



## CHILD POVERTY

**16/100** children in Orange County on average lived in households with incomes below the federal poverty level

(on average, 2010-2014)

**45%**  
Hispanic  
Children

**34%**  
African  
American  
Children

**7%**  
Non-Hispanic  
White  
Children



On the night of **January 28, 2015** there were **129** people experiencing homelessness in Orange County

**19**

people were children under age 18

**12**

people were military veterans

In **2013** an estimated **20,900** residents of Orange County were **food insecure** (at risk of hunger or hungry)

This total included **5,880** CHILDREN  
**That's 21 of every 100**



# INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

## MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income trend line  
\$57,261



between 2010-2014

# HALF

of all rental households (per month) paid more than **\$918** on rent & basic utilities on average

**40 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 **\$1,767** each month on **mortgage payments, real estate taxes, basic utilities, insurance, & selected fees** on average

**49%** of renter households

&

**28%** owner-occupied households with mortgages

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



Triangle Community Foundation believes that information has the power to drive positive community change. Our community is growing and changing, and we want to engage people across the region in understanding these evolving needs at the regional and at the county level, and working together to make a difference. We hope that you will explore these data points and indicators, and that they will spark questions and great conversation that will bring us all together to ensure that the Triangle is a place where everyone can thrive.

Visit us at [www.trianglecf.org](http://www.trianglecf.org)

### Data Sources

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