



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%

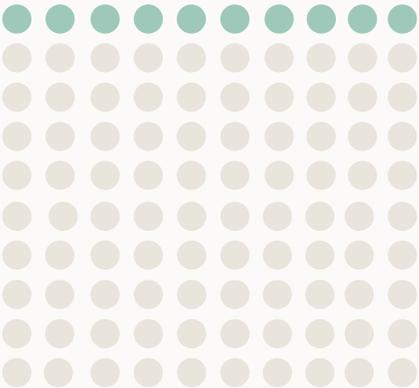
Of people lived in a municipal area,
the smallest share in the region

* in 2014



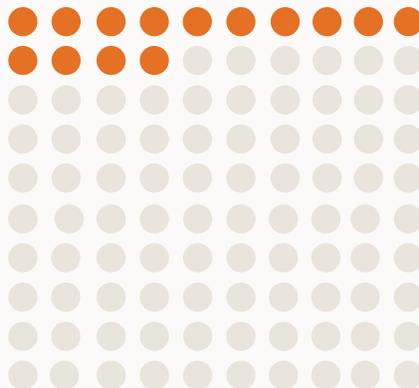
Chatham County

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.



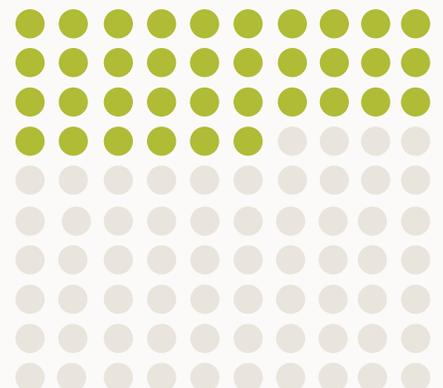
10%

Average Unemployment Rate*



14%

Average Poverty Rate*



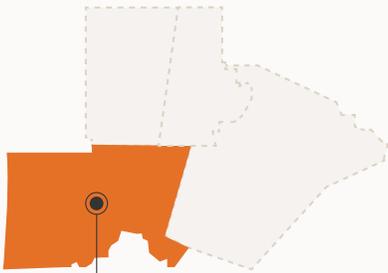
36%

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

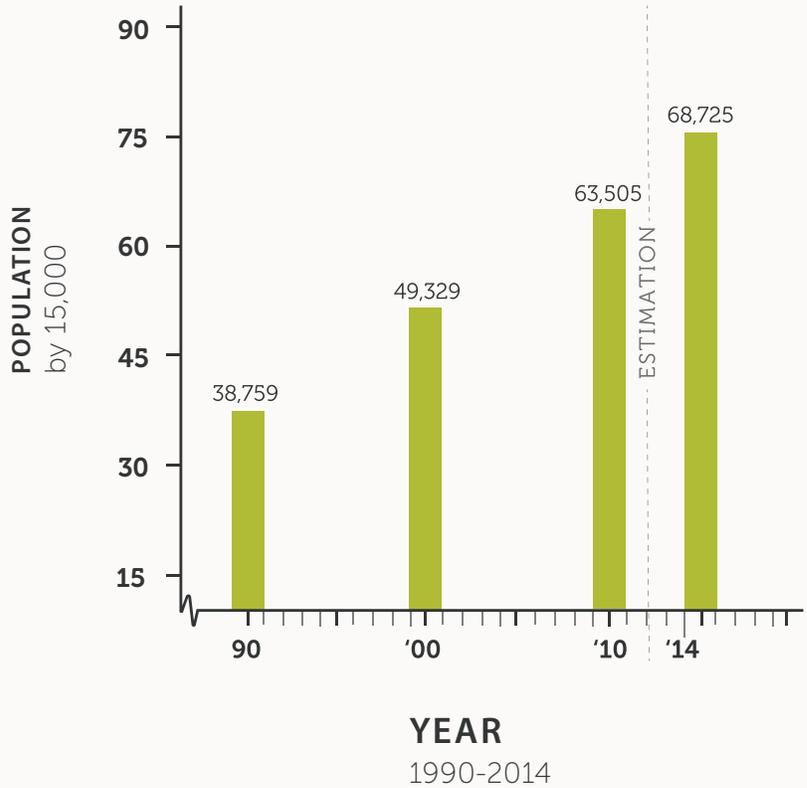
* 2010-2014 average



POPULATION GROWTH & CHARACTERISTICS



POPULATION DENSITY
101
persons per square mile
(2014)



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)

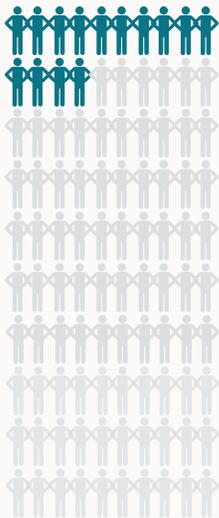


9% of county residents were **FOREIGN-BORN** (2014)

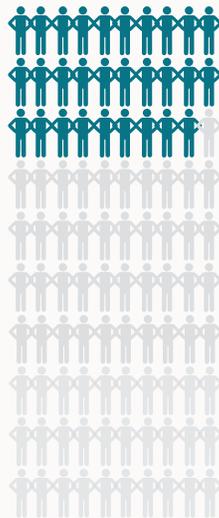


If projections hold, the county's population may grow by **37% from 2010 to 2030** rising to **86,776**

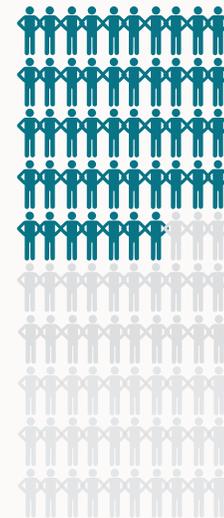
That translates to an average gain of **1,164 people per year**



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



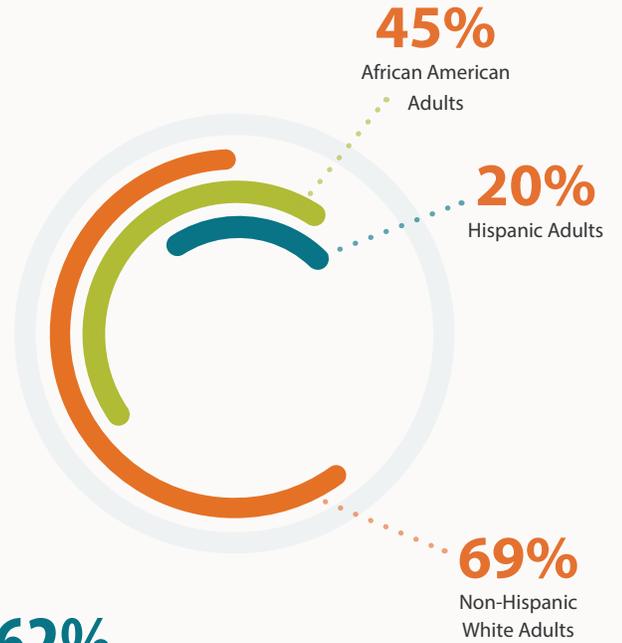
14%

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

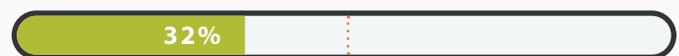
57% of public 3rd grade students in Chatham Schools were grade-level proficient in reading. (2014-2015)

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

NON HISPANIC WHITE STUDENTS



AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS



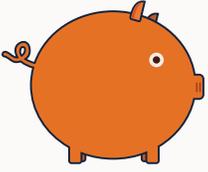
HISPANIC STUDENTS



*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



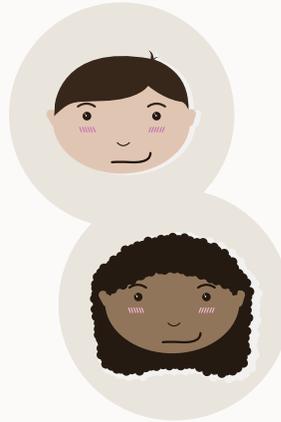
Hispanic 13%



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

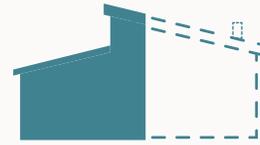
CHILDREN That's 21 of every 100



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)



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

Data Sources

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