Orange County was home to a population of 139,933 in 2014.

Key Facts:
- 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.
- Average Unemployment Rate: 8% (2010-2014 average)
- Average Poverty Rate: 17%
- Average Share of the population 25+ with a Bachelor’s Degree or more: 56%

Population facts:
- 57,000 People in Chapel Hill, the most populous municipality
- 61% of residents lived in a municipal area
- The population grew 43% or 40,000 people from 1990 to 2010
- 61% of residents lived in a municipal area
- 57,000 People in Chapel Hill, the most populous municipality in 2014
- 2010-2014 average
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.
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**.

Half of Orange County residents were younger than **33.5 years of age**, giving Orange County the **Y O U N G E S T** 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**.

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
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
- 76% average residents 25+ who earned a degree credential (at least 2yrs - 2010-2014)

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

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

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: 68%
- African American Students: 34%
- Hispanic Students: 39%

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: 35%
- African American Students: 39%
- Hispanic Students: 39%

*Indicates Benchmark
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.

On the night of January 28, 2015 there were 129 people experiencing homelessness in Orange County. 19 people were children under age 18 and 12 people were military veterans.

Average Civilian Unemployment Rates 2010-2014

- Hispanic 11%
- African American 14%
- Non-Hispanic White 6%

17% of Orange County residents lived with incomes below the federal poverty level (on average, 2010-2014)

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)

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
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

### INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

#### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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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 spent at least 30% of their incomes on housing costs on average (2010-2014)
- **28%** of owner-occupied households with mortgages

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