



SNAPSHOTS OF THE TRIANGLE WAKE COUNTY

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KEY FACTS

Wake County was home to a population of **985,000**

in 2014



431,000

People in Raleigh, the most populous municipality

79%

of residents live in a municipal area

1990-2010

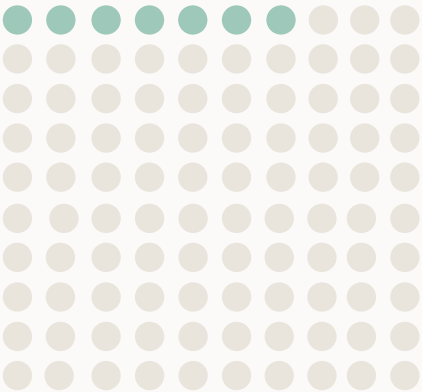
The population grew 113%

* in 2014



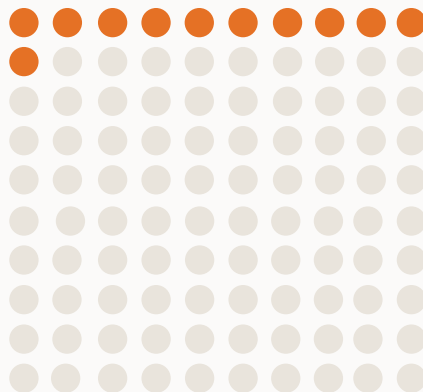
Wake County

is the most populous, geographically largest, and fastest growing county served by the Triangle Community Foundation. The county's population is highly educated, in part because the it is home to at least six colleges and universities, including North Carolina State University and Wake Technical Community College.



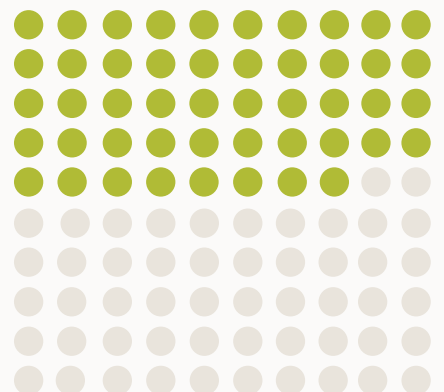
7%

Average Unemployment Rate*



11%

Average Poverty Rate*



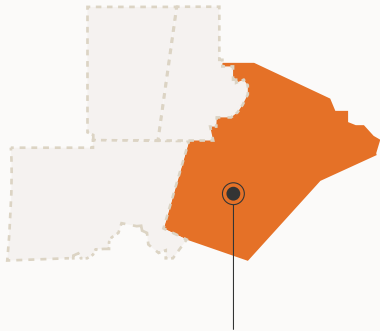
48%

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

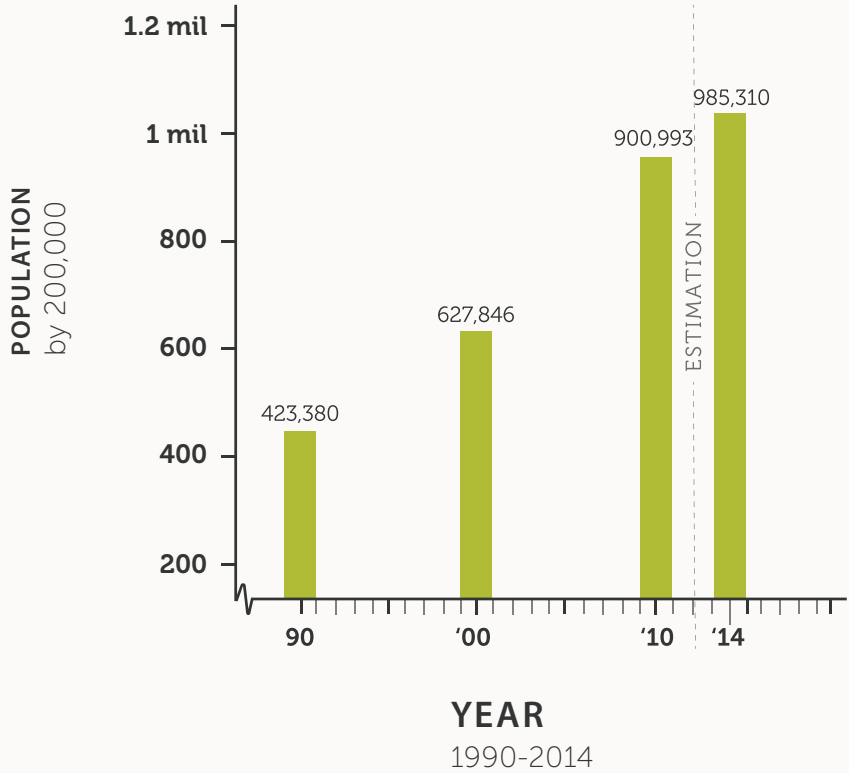
* 2010-2014 average



POPULATION GROWTH & CHARACTERISTICS



POPULATION DENSITY
1,196
persons per square mile
(2014)



URBANIZATION



City of Raleigh and the Town of Cary were home to approximately **59** out of every **100** county residents in 2014



The City of Raleigh is the most populous municipality in the county with **430,875** PEOPLE (2014)

Altogether, **79%** of county residents lived in a municipal area. This was the second largest share in the region.

Half of Wake County residents were younger than **35.5 years of age**

in 2014

42%

of residents were born **outside of NC** or the American **South**

(2014)



13%

of county residents were **FOREIGN-BORN**

(2014)



If projections hold, the county's population may grow by **45% from 2010 to 2030** rising to **1,306,338**

That translates to an average gain of **20,266 people per year**



People of color accounted for

23%

of the population **O V E R** the age of **SIXTY FIVE ***



39/100 residents are people of color*



People of color accounted for

48%

of the population **U N D E R** the age of **E I G H T E E N ***

* in 2014



EDUCATION

48%

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



55%

Non-Hispanic White Adults



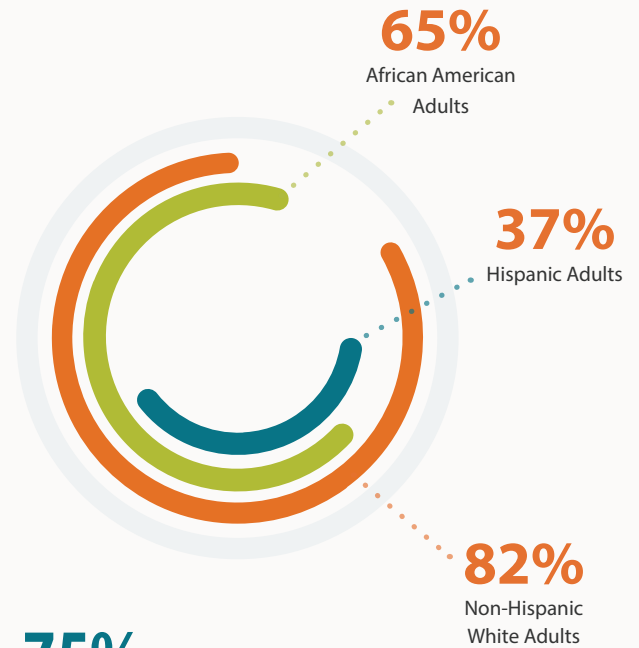
31%

African American Adults



19%

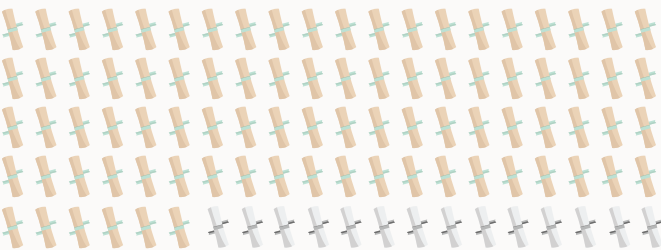
Hispanic Adults



75%

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

WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS



86%

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

The cohort graduation rates were:

93% Non-Hispanic White Students

79% African American Students

74% Hispanic Students

YOUTH LITERACY

70% of public 3rd grade students in Wake 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



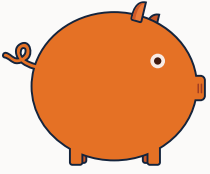
HISPANIC STUDENTS



*Indicates Benchmark



ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS



POVERTY

11% of Wake County Residents lived with incomes below the federal **poverty level**

28%
Hispanic
Residents

19%
African
American
Residents

6%
Non-Hispanic
White
Residents



Some **37** of every **100** students in **Wake County Schools** were enrolled in the free and reduced **National School Lunch Program**

(Academic year: 2014-2015)

Average Civilian Unemployment Rates 2010-2014



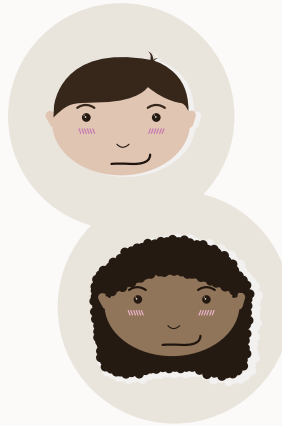
Hispanic **9%**



Non-Hispanic White **6%**



African American **13%**



CHILD POVERTY

15/100 children in Wake County on average lived in households with incomes below the federal **poverty level**

(on average, 2010-2014)

36%
Hispanic
Children

26%
African
American
Children

6%
Non-Hispanic
White
Children



On the night of **January 28, 2015** there were **904** people experiencing homelessness in Wake County

185
people were children
under age 18

123
people were
military veterans

In **2013** an estimated **133,460** residents of Wake County were **food insecure** (at risk of hunger or hungry)

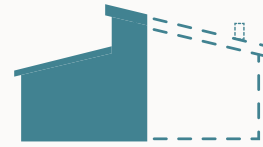
This total included **46,930** CHILDREN
That's 20 of every 100



INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Income trend line
\$66,579



between 2010-2014

HALF

of all rental households (per month) paid more than **\$935** on basic utilities on average

41 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 **\$1,563** each month on **mortgage payments, real estate taxes, basic utilities, insurance, & selected fees** on average

45% of renter households

&

25% 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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