



Centrally located between the Research Triangle Park and the Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point). With more than 140,000 residents, Orange County includes historic Hillsborough, the county seat; Chapel Hill, home of the University of North Carolina (the oldest state-supported university in the United States); and Carrboro and Mebane, former railroad and mill towns.

Orange County was founded in 1752, and was named after William of Orange (also King William III of England). Hillsborough was the center of North Carolina politics in the colonial era and hosted the state's Constitutional Convention in 1778, where North Carolina delegates demanded that a Bill of Rights be added before they would ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Orange County is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. The commissioners are elected to four-year terms by district and at-large in partisan elections, which are held in November of even-numbered years.

POPULATION

Population - 2017 (estimate)	143,264
Annual Growth Rate	1.3%
2018 Projection	144,820
Median Family Income	\$75,056
Per Capita Income (2015)	\$55,338

AGE DISTRIBUTION

2017 Median Age	35.3
2017 Total Pop 0-19	34,368
2017 Total Pop 20-24	17,428
2017 Total Pop 25-34	19,261
2017 Total Pop 35-44	16,329
2017 Total Pop 45-54	18,639
2017 Total Pop 55-59	9,281
2017 Total Pop 60+	26,958

Race (2017 estimate)

White	110,360
Black	15,579
Asian	12,240
Two or More Races	3,982
Hispanic	15,183

Municipal populations (2016)

Carrboro	Chapel Hill	Hillsborough	Mebane
20,533	56,691	6,673	2,042

RETAIL SALES 2017

Total Retail Sales (with food/drink) (\$1mil)	\$1,706.7
Total Retail Businesses (with food/drink)	881
Average Sales/Business Total (with food/drink)	\$1,937,272

Source: NC Access

TAXABLE SALES 2016-17

\$1,726,191,488

Apparel	\$ 52,845,025
Automotive	\$ 92,290,818
Food	\$ 380,708,875
Furniture	\$ 62,594,254
General Merchandise	\$ 377,863,249
Lumber and Building Material	\$ 224,365,543
Unclassified	\$ 534,074,373

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue

PROPERTY TAXES 2017-18

Orange County	\$0.008377
Carrboro*	\$0.005894
Chapel Hill*	\$0.00508
Durham*	\$0.005786
Hillsborough*	\$0.0062
Mebane*	\$0.0047

*Note: Municipality rate is in addition to base Orange County rate of \$0.008377



CHAPEL HILL



WORKFORCE

Civilian Labor Force (April 2018)

Labor Force	77,120
Employed	74,743
Unemployed	2,377
Unemployment rate	3.1%

Source: NC Commerce LEAD (2018)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	INDUSTRY	Employees
UNC Chapel Hill	University	1000+
UNC Health Care System	Health Services	1000+
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Education	1000+
Orange County Schools	Education	1000+
Orange County	Local Government	500-999
Town Of Chapel Hill Inc.	Local Government	500-999
Sports Endeavors, Inc.	Trade	500-999
UNC Physician Network LLC	Health Services	250-499
Wal-Mart	Supermarket	250-499
Harris Teeter	Grocery	250-499
AKG of America, Inc.	Manufacturing	250-499
General Electric Corp	Manufacturing	250-499
PHE, Inc.	Trade	250-499
The Chapel Hill Residential	Health Services	250-499
Food Lion	Grocery	250-499
Weaver Street Market, Inc.	Grocery	250-499
Wellspring Grocery	Grocery	250-499
A Southern Season	Trade	250-499
Aramark Food & Support Services	Professional Services	100-249
Residential Services, Inc.	Health Services	100-249
Carolina Inn	Leisure & Hospitality	100-249
Town of Carrboro	Local Government	100-249
US Postal Services	Trade	100-249

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES

Company	Parent Country	Line of Business
Food Lion LLC	Belgium	Supermarket Chain
Circle K Stores Inc.	Canada	Supermarkets Chain
Ready Mixed Concrete Co	Colombia	Mfg. Ready-Mixed Concrete
Feedback Inc.	England	Whol Engineering Laboratory Equip.
Ferguson Enterprises Inc.	England	Whol Plumbing Equipment/Supplies
Jan X-Ray Services Inc.	England	Pipeline & Power Line Inspection Serv
Spring Break Travel Inc.	England	Tour Operator Travel Agency
Mony Life Insurance Co	France	Insurance Agent/Broker
Nello L Teer Co	France	Concrete Contractor
Sodexo Inc.	France	Food Service & Facilities Mgmt.
United Retail Inc.	France	Ret Women's Clothing
AKG of America, Inc.	Germany	Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchangers
Stihl	Germany	Distribution Services
Rack Room Shoes Inc.	Germany	Ret Shoes
Ase Inc.	Taiwan	Whol Integrated Circuit Assemblies

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY SECTOR

Industry (Annual- 2017)	Labor Force	Avg Wkly Wage
Total All Industries	70,692	\$1,045
Total Federal Government	279	\$1,244
Total State Government	28,513	\$1,292
Total Local Government	5,971	\$872
Total Private Industry	35,927	\$875
Construction	1,809	\$974
Manufacturing	1,658	\$1,094
Wholesale Trade	941	\$1,416
Retail Trade	6,732	\$556
Transportation and Warehousing	665	\$851
Information	1,086	\$2,135
Finance and Insurance	1,121	\$2,289
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	830	\$827
Professional and Technical Services	3,239	\$1,631
Management of Companies and Enterprises	458	\$985
Administrative and Waste Services	1,286	\$724
Educational Services	20,617	\$1,296
Health Care and Social Assistance	17,457	\$1,055
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	827	\$396
Accommodation and Food Services	6,419	\$362
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	2,396	\$692
Public Administration	2,668	\$906

Source: NC Commerce LEAD (2017)

AVERAGE SALARY SELECTED OCCUPATIONS

	Entry	Median	Experienced
Accountants & Auditors	\$26.36	\$34.39	\$46.15
Network and Computer System Administrators	\$35.35	\$45.05	\$48.97
Purchasing Agent	\$21.54	\$28.01	\$31.72
Computer Programmer	\$26.93	\$40.32	\$55.24
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$24.21	\$34.68	\$45.60
Civil Engineers	\$30.58	\$40.38	\$54.34
Electrical Engineers	\$43.13	\$58.50	\$64.95
Civil Engineering Technicians	\$20.04	\$23.95	\$26.25
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$15.33	\$19.09	\$21.79
Occupational Therapists	\$27.38	\$36.34	\$40.52
Pharmacy Technicians	\$14.13	\$16.93	\$17.60
Physical Therapists	\$30.67	\$38.81	\$41.76
Dental Hygienists	\$29.03	\$33.93	\$35.23
Customer Service Representatives	\$8.96	\$12.94	\$17.18
Retail Salespersons	\$9.40	\$11.32	\$15.02
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assts	\$20.88	\$23.88	\$27.30
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	\$9.02	\$12.65	\$14.41
Shipping, Receiving, & Traffic Clerks	\$10.74	\$13.84	\$15.77
Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	\$10.67	\$11.65	\$12.56
File Clerks	\$11.92	\$14.01	\$16.19
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$15.26	\$20.20	\$22.65
Landscaping & Grounds keeping Workers	\$10.09	\$13.43	\$16.27
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers	\$9.04	\$11.14	\$12.96
Welder	\$14.62	\$16.74	\$18.28
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$13.21	\$19.06	\$20.95

Source: NC Commerce LEAD (2017)

HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING

Total Housing (2019 projected)	61,228
Vacant Housing (2019 projected)	4,338
Total Households (2019 projected)	56,890
Average Household Size (2019 projected)	2.4
Total Family Households (2019 projected)	33,320
Average Family Size (2019 projected)	3.00
Median Sales Price (2017)	\$310,000
Average Sales Price (2017)	\$366,187

INCOME

Median household income	\$75,056
Per capita income (2015)	\$55,338

HEALTH CARE, HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS

2016 Number of Physicians	1,660
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	120
2016 Number of RNs (per 10,000 population)	250
2016 Number of Dentists (per 10,000 population)	16
2016 Pharmacists (per 10,000 population)	34

Hospital/medical center in Orange County:

UNC Health Care System

Other hospitals/medical centers near Orange County:

NC Specialty Hospital	Durham	11 miles
Duke University Hospital	Durham	14 miles
Durham Regional Hospital	Durham	15 miles
US Veterans Medical Center	Durham	10 miles
Alamance Regional Medical Center	Burlington	22 miles
Chatham Hospital	Siler City	29 miles
Person Memorial Hospital	Roxboro	27 miles

AGRICULTURE STATISTICS

2012 Census Data

Number of Farms	645
Total Land in Farms (acres)	56,000
Average Farm Size (acres)	88
Harvested Cropland (acres)	17,854
Average Age of Farmers	56.9
Average Value of Farm & Building	\$587,984
Average Market Value of Machinery & Equipment	\$53,744
Average Total Farm Production Expense	\$49,052

Source: USDA Census of Agriculture

WEATHER


Annual Rainfall (inches)	47
Annual Snowfall (inches)	4
Average Annual Temperature	71°
Average Annual High Temperature	68°
Average Annual Low Temperature	47°

EDUCATION

Orange County's public school system and a wide variety of local and regional colleges and universities provide learning opportunities for residents and educate the county's workforce to meet the job needs of today and tomorrow.

2016 Education Attainment	
Less Than High School	7.6%
High School or Higher	92.4%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	57.7%

Public Schools

 Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools serves more than 11,000 students through three traditional high schools, four middle schools, ten elementary schools, a school for young people who are patients at UNC Hospital and an alternative school. The district has the highest average SAT score in the state and its high schools have been sited in Newsweek magazine's list of top high schools.



Orange County Schools First Choice for Families

Orange County Schools serves more than 7,000 students with seven elementary schools, three middle schools and two

high schools, one of which (Cedar Ridge) offers an International Baccalaureate Diploma.

2017 SAT Scores

Chapel Hill-Carrboro	1231	North Carolina	1074
Orange County	1133	United States	1044

2017 Graduation Rates (4 years or less)

Chapel Hill-Carrboro	90%
Orange County	89%

Colleges and Universities (located in Orange County)



THE UNIVERSITY
of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

UNC is the nation's oldest state university, with a rich history of more than two centuries. The campus covers approximately 730 acres and provides education to more than 29,000 students. Situated in the beautiful town of Chapel Hill, N.C., UNC has earned a reputation as one of the best universities in the world.

- Chartered in 1789 as the first state university in the United States
- Among the leading research universities (received more than \$803 million in total research grants and contracts in fiscal 2010)
- Regularly ranked as the best value for academic quality in US public high education
- Offers bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees in academic areas critical to North Carolina's future: business, dentistry, education, law, medicine, nursing, public health and social work



DURHAM TECH

Durham Technical Community College - Orange Campus is part of the NC Community College System and

offers higher education degrees and comprehensive workforce training.

The Orange County Campus is a 20-acre campus centrally located in the Waterstone Development outside of Hillsborough. The first phase of the campus includes a 40,000-square-foot brick structure which houses 22 instructional spaces.

Durham Tech assists area businesses with employee training to enhance productivity and streamline operations in skill sets that includes lean manufacturing, problem-solving, and writing standard operating procedures.

TRANSPORTATION

By Land:

Orange County is strategically located on the I-85/I-40 corridor with a total interstate mileage of 28.2 miles.

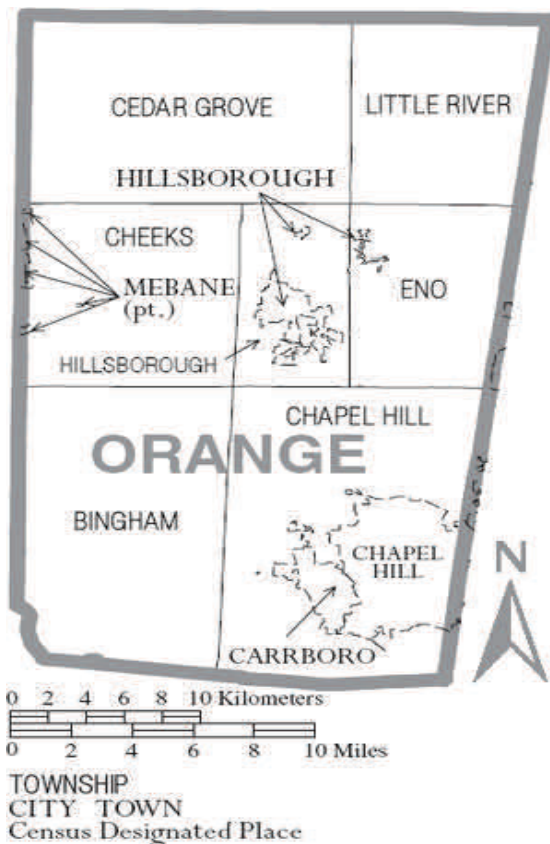
By Air:

Orange County is serviced by Raleigh-Durham International Airport (29 miles) and Piedmont Triad International Airport (57 miles).

By Sea:

Deep water seaports in Charleston, SC (315 miles), Wilmington, NC (168 miles) and Savannah, GA (359 miles).

Driving Distance from Orange County	Miles	Kilometers
Atlanta, GA	328	528
Baltimore, MD	384	618
Boston, MA	781	1,257
Chicago, IL	679	1,093
Memphis, TN	630	1,014
New York, NY	565	909
Philadelphia, PA	484	779
Richmond, VA	163	262
Washington, DC	351	565



UTILITIES

Water and Sewer

- Town of Hillsborough - 919-732-2104
- Chapel Hill & Carrboro - Orange Water and Sewer Authority (919) 968-4421
- Efland - Orange-Alamance Water System for water - (919) 563-6212 and sewer service at Efland Sewer System, (919) 245-2303 or 2313
- Mebane - Graham-Mebane Water System for water at (910) 578-3264 and City of Mebane for sewer at (919) 563-5901

Electricity

- Duke Power - 1-800-777-9898
- Piedmont Electric Membership Corp. - (919) 732-2123

Garbage Collection

Municipal garbage collection is provided by each municipality.

Natural Gas

Public Service Company of NC - 1-877-776-2427

TOURISM STATISTICS - 2016

Each year, Orange County hosts millions of visitors who have a huge economic impact on Orange County. The impact of the tourism industry in Chapel Hill and the neighboring communities is wide spread – creating jobs, funding town and county services and supporting our quality of life. Below is more information on how tourism benefits Orange County.

NC Visitor Spending Tops \$192 Million in 2016

- The travel and tourism industry directly employs 1,890 in Orange County, up 3.5% over 2015.
- Total payroll generated by the tourism industry in Orange County was \$37.41 million, a 5.4% increase.
- State tax revenue generated in Orange County totaled \$10.48 million through state sales and excise taxes, and taxes on personal and corporate income. This is a 5% increase over 2015.
- \$4.16 million in local taxes, an increase of 4.7%, were generated from sales and property tax revenue from travel-generated and travel-supported businesses

