

RALEIGH Community PROFILE

Introduction

Raleigh, the Capital City of North Carolina, is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. A great economy, top universities, and outstanding health care facilities are some of the attributes that attract people to the triangle area. The mild climate, diverse work force and proximity to Research Triangle Park (RTP) combine to make Raleigh a great place to live.

Population

City of Raleigh.....367,995 (est. July 2007)
 Planning Jurisdiction.....390, 113 (est. July 2007)
 Wake County.....817,429 (est. July 2007)
 North Carolina.....9,040,824 (est. July 2007)

The City of Raleigh population characteristics:

- 63.3% white (2000 census)
- 36.7% other racial groups (2000 census)
- 3.87 persons per acre population density in the corporate limits.
- 541,895 persons projected in year 2025

Geography

Land Area: (July 2007)
 City of Raleigh.....139.926 square miles
 Planning Jurisdiction.....183.6755 square miles
 Wake County.....858 square miles

Elevation.....434 feet above sea level
 Average annual high.....70.7 F
 Average annual low.....49.9 F
 Average annual precipitation.....44.19 inches
 Average annual snowfall.....4.5 inches

Taxes

Assessed Valuation FY 07-08 projected:
 \$34,916,833,332
 City Tax Rate: \$.435 per \$100 of assessed value
 County Tax Rate: \$.678 per \$100 of assessed value
 Total: \$1.113 per \$100 of assessed value

City Government

Council/Manager form of government
 City Budget 2006-2007: \$557,066,589
 Per Capita Expenditure: \$1,514
 Municipal Service Cost for \$200,000 home: \$1,429.62

5-yr Capital Improvement Program: \$859 million

- 64% Utilities
- 14% Transportation
- 6% Parks
- 4% General Public Improvements
- 3% Housing
- 9% Stormwater

AAA Credit Rating by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch IBCA.

Public Safety

Police (2007-2008):
 7 stations
 2.03 sworn officers per 1000 population
 Fire (2007-2008):
 27 stations
 1.33 firefighters per 1000 population
 Raleigh-Wake 911 Emergency Center -94 employees

Parks and Recreation

117 city parks
 22 staffed centers
 9 non-staffed programmed centers
 2 art centers
 112 tennis courts at 25 locations
 8 public swimming pools
 79 open space areas
 8,817 acres of parks and greenways
 57 miles of greenways

Utilities

(number of customers served)
 Water & Sewer: City of Raleigh.....131,188
 Electricity: Progress Energy.....169,989
 Natural Gas: Public Service Gas Co.82,243
 Cable TV: Time Warner Cable.....100,425

Raleigh Municipal Water & Sewer Capacity:
 Water Treatment Capacity 86.0 MGD
 Water Treatment Utilization 53.5 MGD

Wastewater Treatment Capacity 60.0 MGD
 Wastewater Utilization 42.0 MGD

Education/Enrollment (2006-2007)

North Carolina State University	31,263
Shaw University	2,882
St. Augustine's College	1,750
Meredith College	2,432
Wake Technical College	17,205
Peace College	735

Wake County Public Schools Enrollment-134,002
 Persons over 25 years of age with:
 High School Diploma or higher.....89.3%
 Bachelor's Degree or higher.....43.9%
 (source: 2000 census)

Transportation

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (2006)
 9.4 million Passengers incoming & departing
 116,304 tons of cargo handled
 Daily arrivals and departures 458
 Passengers (daily) 25,753
 Cargo tonnage handled (daily) 319

9 Major Airlines: 18 Regional Carriers

American Airlines	Independence Air
American West	Jet Blue Airways
Air Canada	Midwest
Air Tran	Northwest
Continental	Southwest
Delta	United
Express Jet	U S Airways

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Amtrak.....115,367 passengers yearly;
 6 trains daily serving Raleigh
 CSX Railroad
 Norfolk Southern Railroad

Capital Area Transit (CAT)–City Bus System
 57 buses; 16 connector buses
 26 fixed routes, 1 express route
 Over 4 million riders per year

Triangle Transit Authority–Regional Bus System
 67 total buses: operates 48 during rush hr service
 226,954 riders per year in Raleigh area (2005)

Media

Area Television Stations: WRAL-5 CBS, WTVD-11
 ABC,WNCN-17 NBC,WRAZ-50 FOX,WLFL-22 WB,
 WRDC-28 UPN, WUNC-4 PBS, WRMV-47,
 Community Access Ch-10, Time Warner Cable
 Channel 14
 23 Area Radio Stations
 Newspapers
 Daily: The News and Observer
 Weekly: Triangle Business Journal The Spectator
 The Independent The Carolinian
 Triangle Business Weekly

General Information

Hospitals: (approx. 1847 beds)
 Rex
 Wake Medical Center
 Duke Health Raleigh Hospital
 Wake County Public Libraries: 9
 Hotels/Motels: 120 (13,650 rooms)
 Places of Worship: 250+
 Financial Institutions: approx.150 locations

Development

Value of Construction Authorized - 2006
 Raleigh.....\$1,045,933,283
 Wake County.....N/A

Residential Lots or Units Approved – 2006
 Raleigh.....4,230
 5 Year Average.....4,295
 Commercial Building Permit Value - 2006
 Raleigh.....\$409 Million
 5 Year Average.....\$311 Million

2006 Raleigh Census Data from the American Community Survey

Total Households.....134,626
 Average household size.....2.40
 Average family size.....3.20
 Median age.....32.2 yrs

Race.

White.....60.6%
 Black or African American.....28.8%
 American Indian and Alaskan Native......0075%
 Asian.....4.58%
 Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander......0068%
 Some other race.....6.43%

Educational Attainment

Percentage high school graduate or higher.....87.7%
 Percentage Bachelor's degree or higher.....45.0%

Place of Birth

Native.....85.4%
 Foreign Born.....14.6%

Housing

(Corporate Limits)
 Single Family Units..... 52.0%
 Multi-family Units.....48.0%

Total Housing Units (July 2007).....161,050

Median Contract Rent.....\$756
 Average Home Sale Price.....\$305,557
 (source: ACCRA 2nd Qtr. 2007)

Employment

Employment by Place of Work
 Wake County
 Natural Resources
 & Mining.....1,343..... 0.3%
 Manufacturing.....21,718.....5.1%
 Construction.....31,559.....7.4%
 Trade, Transportation &
 Utilities.....81,660.....19.2%
 Information.....16,630.....3.9%
 Financial Activities.....23,362.....5.5%
 Professional & Business
 Services.....78,537.....18.5%
 Educational & Health Svcs. 77,732.....18.2%
 Leisure & Hospitality.....40,049.....9.4%
 Other Services.....14,049.....3.3%
 Public Admin.....37,221.....8.7%
 Unclassified.....2,160.....0.5%
 TOTAL.....426,020.....100%
 (source: ESC annual 2006)

Average Annual Unemployment Rates

	as of 7/2007	5 Yr. Average
Raleigh	3.7%	4.6%
Wake County	3.8%	4.3%
N.C.	5.0%	5.8%
U.S.	4.6%	5.4%

Estimated Raleigh Employment.....2002: 262,433
 Projected Raleigh Employment.....2030: 408,996

Economic Characteristics

Gross Retail Sales
 2006-2007
 Raleigh \$6.76 billion
 Wake County \$11.266 billion

Raleigh % of Wake County sales: 60 percent

Wake Co. Per Capita Income (2005).....\$37,756
 State Per Capita Income (2006).....\$32,338

MSA Median Family Income (2006).....\$71,600
 (MSA= Metropolitan Statistical Area for the
 Raleigh-Cary Region)

Visitors

11.22 million Raleigh/Wake County visitors in 2006

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