

Welcome to Durham County



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County Commissioner Chair



Meet the Board of County Commissioners



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Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Ellen Reckhow, Commissioner

Meet Our Executive Leadership



Wendell M. Davis, County Manager

Lowell Siler, County Attorney

Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board

Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

&

General Managers:

Deborah Craig-Ray

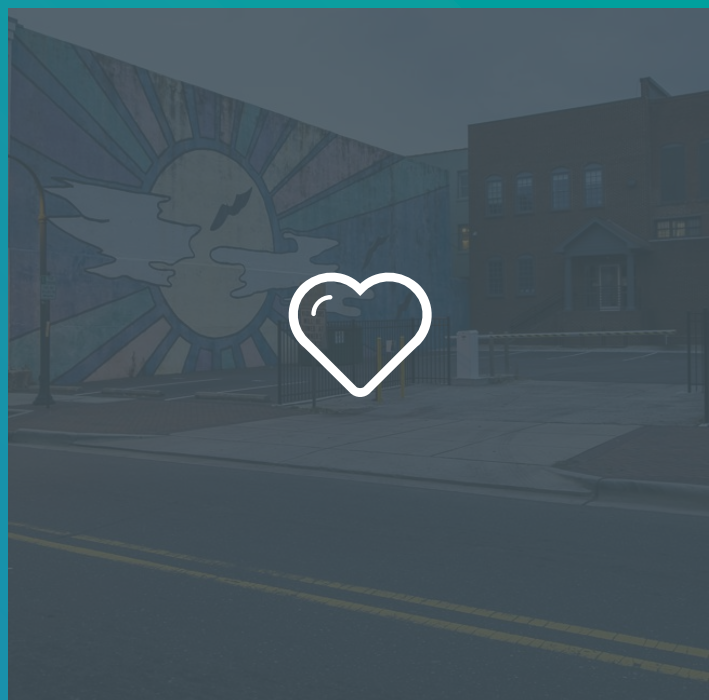
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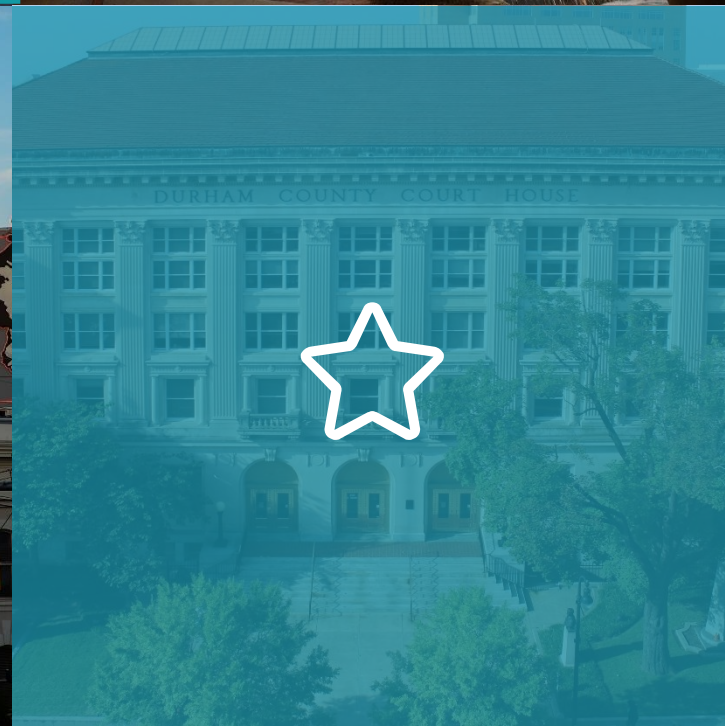
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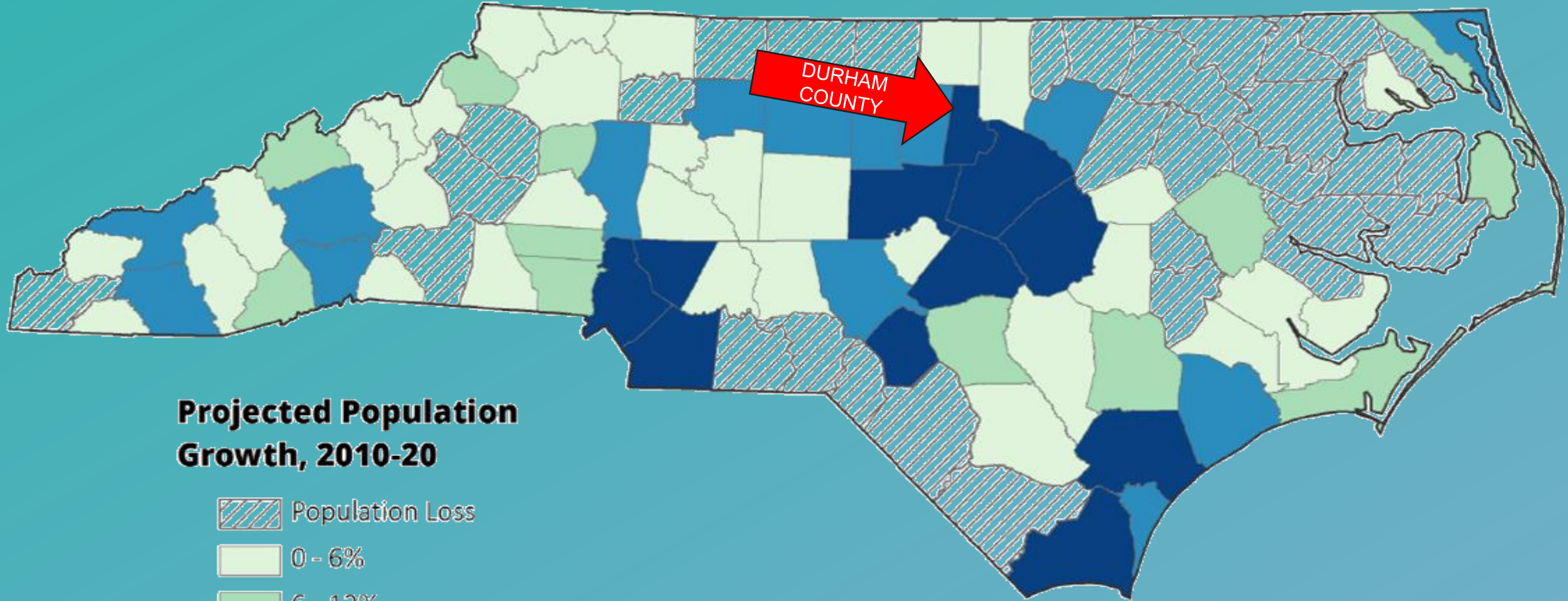




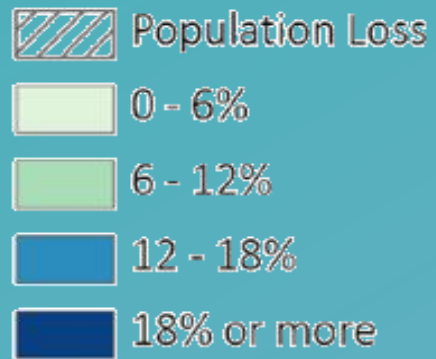
State of the County

The annual State of the County address provides an opportunity for us to look back over the accomplishments of 2016, assess the challenges we face, and to share our vision for 2017 and the years ahead.





Projected Population Growth, 2010-20



COUNTY ECONOMIES 2016

DURHAM COUNTY, NC

2015-2016

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGE

-0.6PPS

COUNTY
PERFORMANCE
2002-2016

COUNTY ECONOMY
MID-SIZED COUNTY ECONOMIES
RECOVERY PERIOD
PEAK YEAR



RECOVERED
BY 2016

NO

JOBS GROWTH RATE

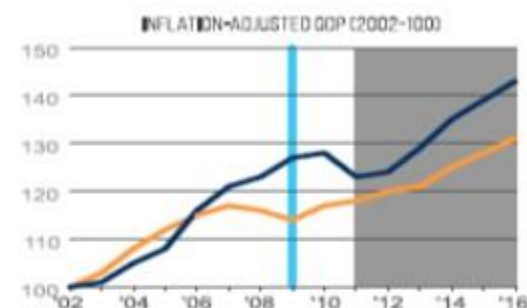
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YES

ECONOMIC OUTPUT GROWTH RATE

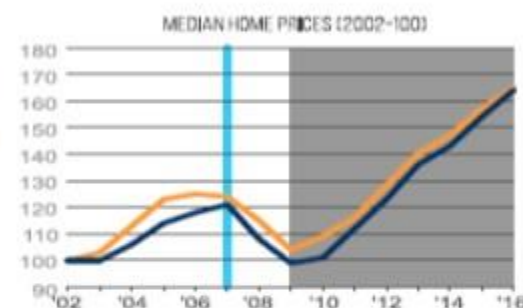
3.1%



YES

MEDIAN HOME PRICES GROWTH RATE

6.3%



YES

SIZING UP 2016

POPULATION, 2015	300,952
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2016	4.4%
REAL GDP, 2016, IN 2009 DOLLARS	\$29.5 Billion
AVERAGE REAL WAGES, 2016, IN 2009 DOLLARS	\$50.5 Thousand
Durham County, NC has a county government.	
Durham County is a medium-sized county in the Durham-Chapel Hill, NC metropolitan area.	

TOP FIVE SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIES, BY EMPLOYMENT, 2016

HEALTHCARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	43.3 THOUSAND JOBS	16.6%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	29.1 THOUSAND JOBS	11.2%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	18.7 THOUSAND JOBS	7.2%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	15.2 THOUSAND JOBS	5.8%
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.1 THOUSAND JOBS	2.4%

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FINDINGS

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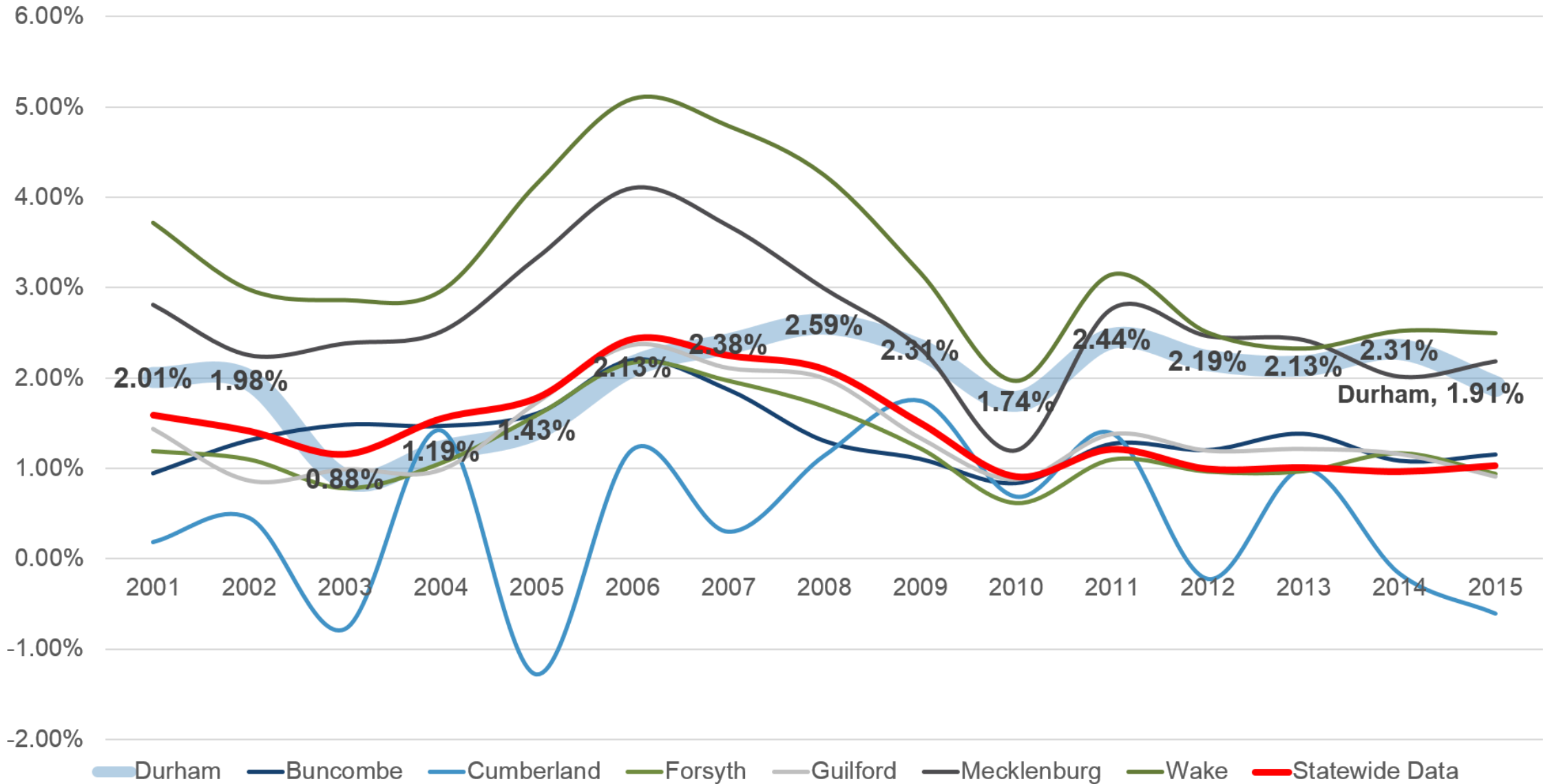
#COUNTYECONOMIES

DEFINITION OF TERMS: (Data Sources: Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2016 Data and U.S. Census Bureau)

Economic output (gross domestic product - GDP): Total value of goods and services produced by a county economy, also known as GDP. Jobs: Total wage and salary jobs, whether full or part-time, temporary or permanent in a county economy. This is a measure of the number of jobs, not employed people, for all employers in a county economy, not only for the county government. Median Home Sales Price: Median sales prices of existing single-family homes in a county economy. Unemployment Rate: The proportion of the civilian labor force that is unemployed.

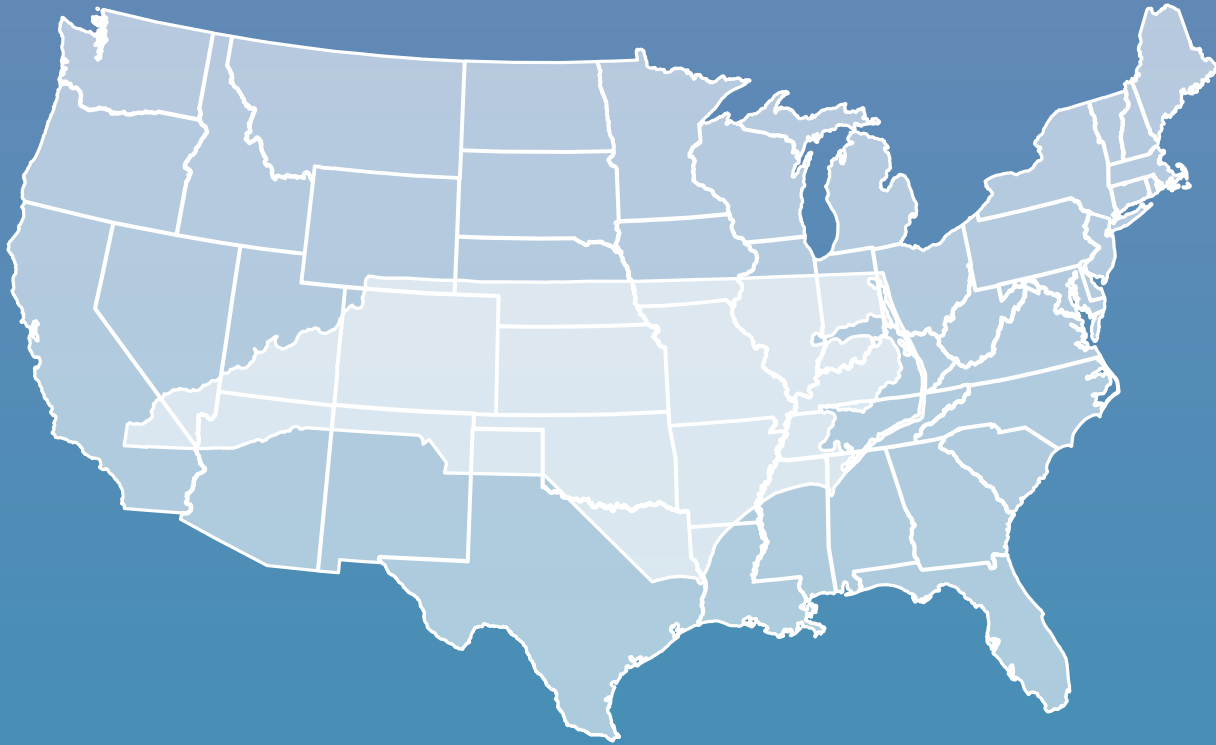
For more on the methodology and indicators, see the Key Terms document available at www.NACo.org/CountyEconomies

Percent Population Change from Previous Year - US Census Data



\$875.8 Million in new and existing businesses

4,256 New Jobs

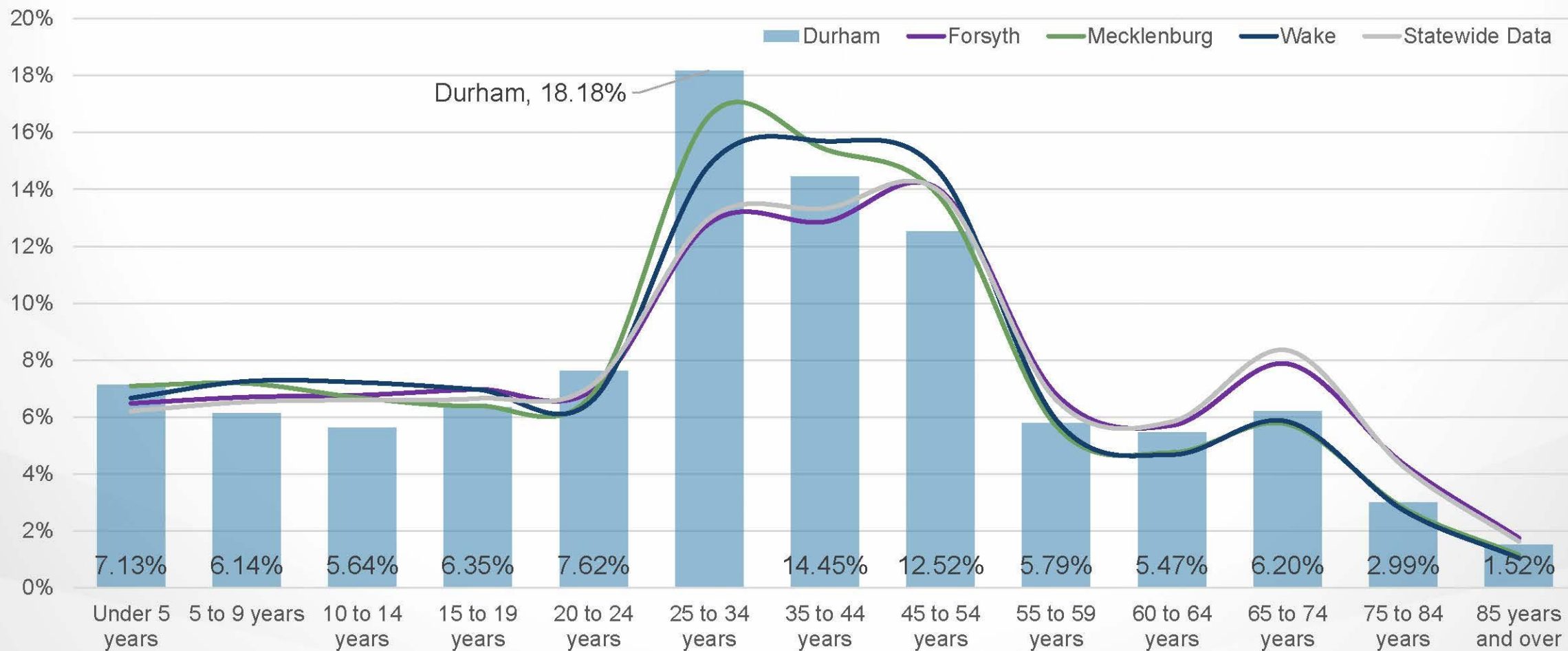


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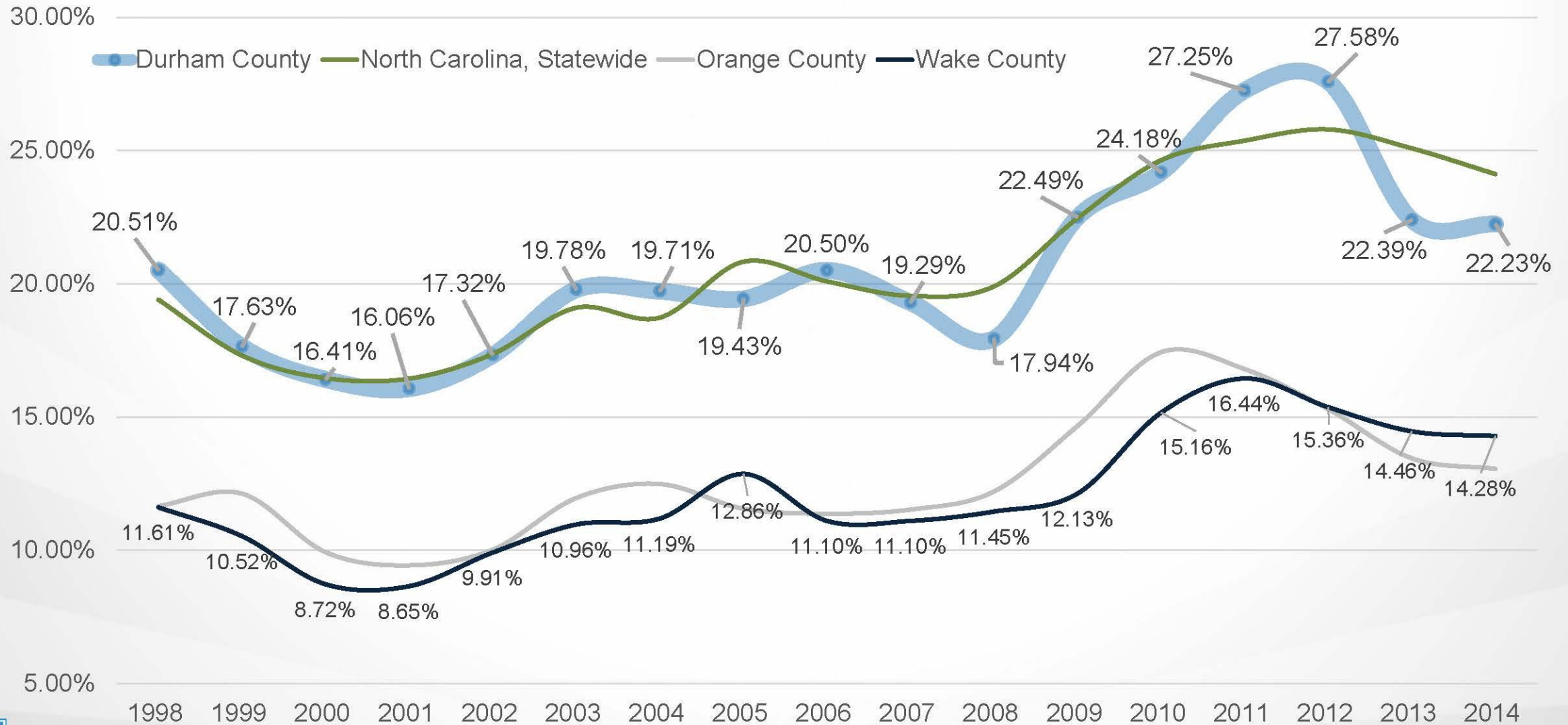
13,000 Durham residents remain
unemployed



Population by Age Group



Child Poverty Rate





**MOVING
DURHAM
FORWARD**



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BEST PLACES



Impact of HB2 on Durham



Public Policy Highlights



#Free2B Durham



GOAL 1

COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROSPERITY

JUDICIAL RENOVATION PROJECT

Making Investments in jobs with the \$43 million in renovations to the Judicial Building that will consolidate county offices and activate East Main Street landscape with retail and restaurants and a welcoming public plaza.



GOAL 1

COMMUNITY & FAMILY PROSPERITY

With this project we have also implemented a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) model with the goals of reducing project costs and increasing the opportunities for local and Minority & Women Business Enterprise or MWBE participation. We have already seen gains made in our newly revised criteria for MWBE participation. So far we have in excess of 34% in MWBE Contracts in subcontractor participation with this project.



INFORMATION SESSION ON THE DURHAM COUNTY MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS INCLUSION ORDINANCE

Are you a Woman or Minority Based Business Owner seeking more bidding opportunities?

If you answered yes then you should definitely attend this free session !!



DATE: February 16, 2017

TIME: 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

LOCATION:

Archie K. Davis Conference Center
Research Triangle Park Headquarters
12 Davis Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

CONTACT PERSON:

MICHAEL MCKOY

MMCKOY@THEINSTITUTENC.ORG

Light refreshments will be provided

GOAL 1

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION

The renovated Main Library will increase in size from 65,000 square feet to 84,804 square feet with an additional floor added, and will be redesigned to better connect to downtown Durham and the adjoining neighborhoods.



GOAL 1

WHITTED SCHOOL & WG PEARSON PROJECTS

Durham County also continued to invest in the historic Fayetteville Street – Hayti area by investing in our seniors, youth and children with the Whitted School Project and the Student U/ WG Pearson Project .




studentU



GOAL 1

\$170 MILLION BOND CAMPAIGN

More than 83% of Durham residents voted to approve the bond package which will help us make continued investments in the educational needs of our community.



BOND
REFERENDUM
2016

IMPROVING DURHAM

BOND 2016

Your four questions about Durham County's Bond Referendum 2016 which will fund the improvements and enhancements of Durham Public Schools, Durham County Library, Museum of Life and Science and Durham Tech.

For more information, email publicinformationoffice@dconc.gov.



GOAL 1

DURHAM SPORTS COMMISSION

As a result of collaboration between Durham County Government, Durham City Government and the Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Durham Sports Commission was established in fall of 2016, and recently hired its first executive director Ashleigh Bachert.



GOAL 2

HEALTH & WELL BEING

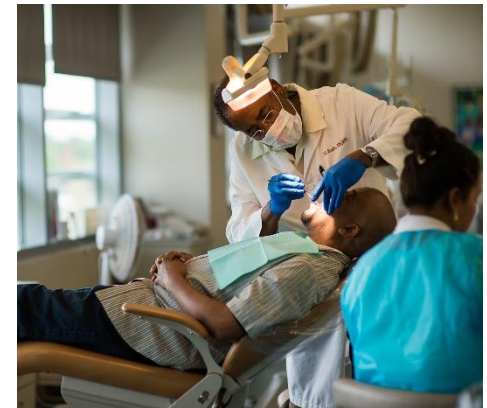
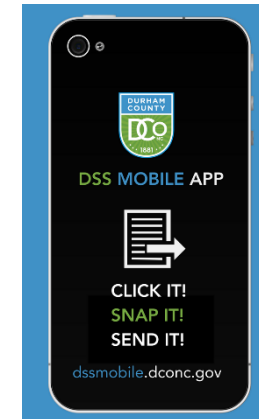
in Emergency Medical Services, the County has seen an increase in service demand of 50.4% in the past 10 years as a result of our increased population growth.



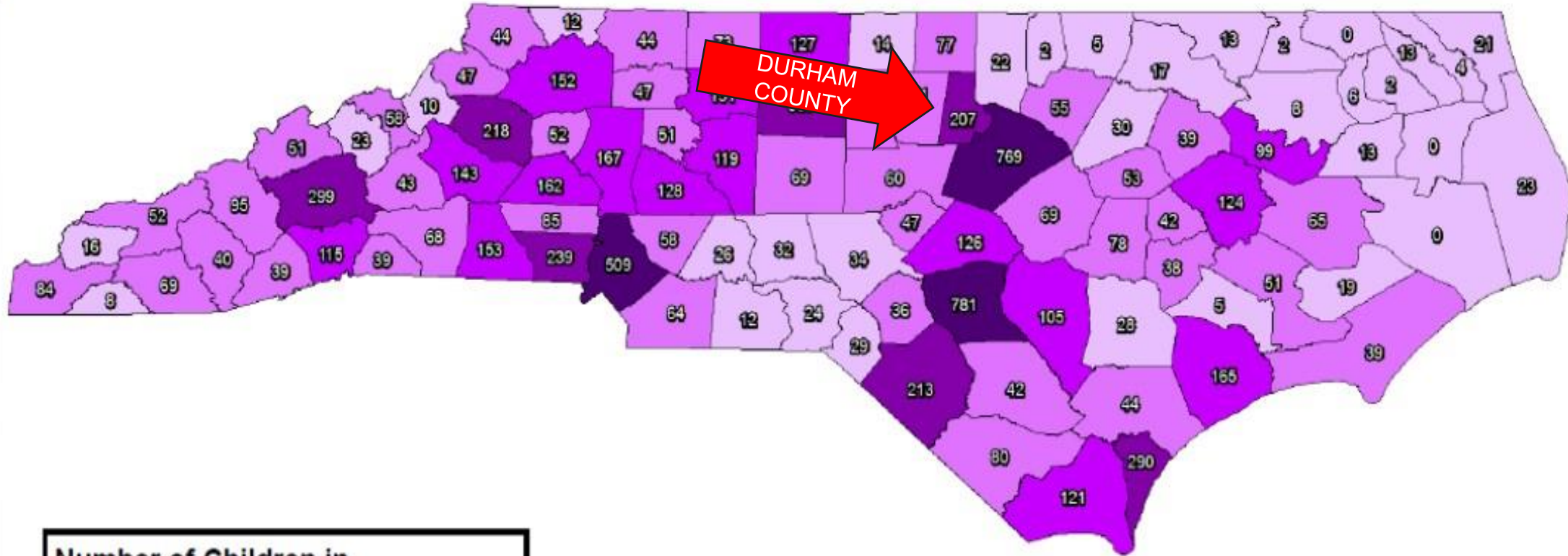
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SOCIAL SERVICES

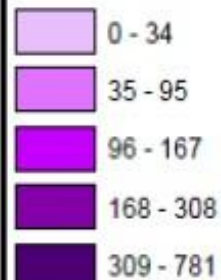
Our Department of Social Services serves about 113,000 people each month helping with basic needs such as medical care, food, heating, housing, job training, and protection of vulnerable children and adults.



Number of Children in Foster Care (as of 12/2015)



Number of Children in Foster Care (as of December 2015)



Note: Foster Care includes the number of children open for foster care services at the end of each month. This number does not include children open for adoption.

GOAL 2

RAISE HOPE & FOSTER DREAMS TODAY!

CALL: 919.560.8092



The poster features a central image of a smiling young girl in a yellow dress being held up by a man. To the right, a woman and a young girl are hugging. The background is white with green and blue wavy lines and butterflies. Text includes the organization's name, questions about fostering, requirements, expectations, contact information, and a call to action.

RAISE HOPE. FOSTER DREAMS.

Do you have a safe and nurturing home?
Can you collaborate with others?
Help change the life of a child.

Requirements:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be a resident of Durham County or surrounding counties.
- Have a stable home and income.
- Be single or married.
- Consent to a criminal background check.
- Complete 30 hours of Foster Parent Training.
- All household members must have a basic physical exam.

Expectations:

- Care for children in place of their parents.
- Make a commitment to help children through a difficult time.
- Encourage positive relationships.
- No corporal/physical punishment is allowed.
- Work as a part of our team!
- Employees of DCoDSS and their family members are not eligible to be foster parents for Durham County DSS.

Human Services Building
414 East Main Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701
fosterdreams@dconc.gov
dconc.gov/dss

Give us a call!
(919)-560-8092

GOAL 3

SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITY

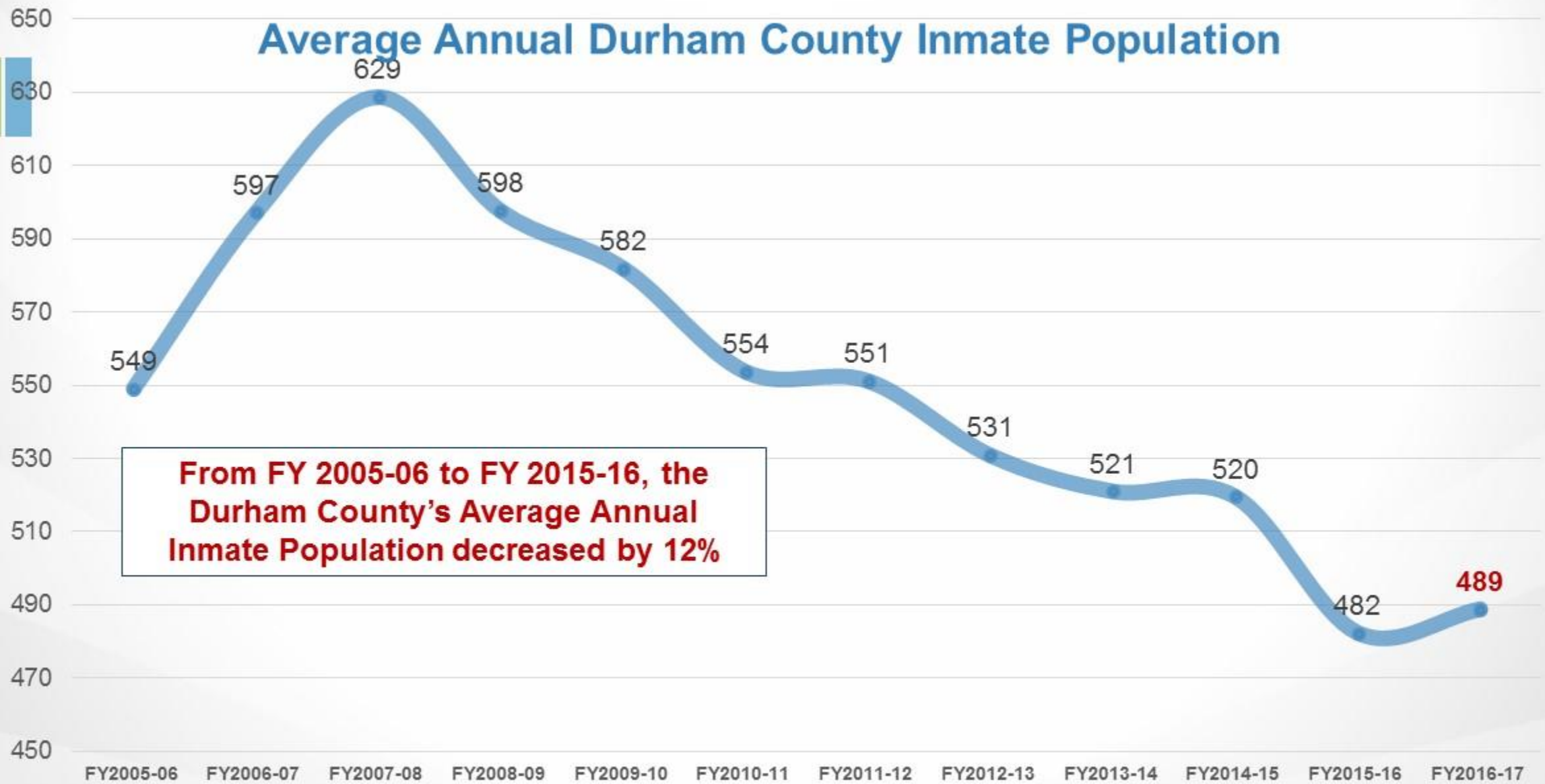
Our jail population continues to drop, with an average daily number of 489 detainees compared to 629 ten years ago as we continue to invest in prevention, treatment and diversion programs. The Misdemeanor Diversion program has been expanded from 16 and 17 year olds to 21 year olds and we continue see high success rates with this program.



Average Daily Jail Population Comparison 2015

Rank	County	Avg. Daily Jail Pop.	County Pop.	Population Per Inmate
1	Union	209	211,539	1,012.15
2	Wake	1,128	964,616	855.16
3	Guilford	782	507,419	648.87
4	Durham	452	286,053	632.86
5	Mecklenburg	1,572	991,867	630.96
6	Buncombe	416	248,872	598.25
7	Forsyth	683	360,471	527.78
8	Cumberland	684	332,553	486.19
9	Gaston	459	209,571	456.58
10	New Hanover	515	213,809	415.16

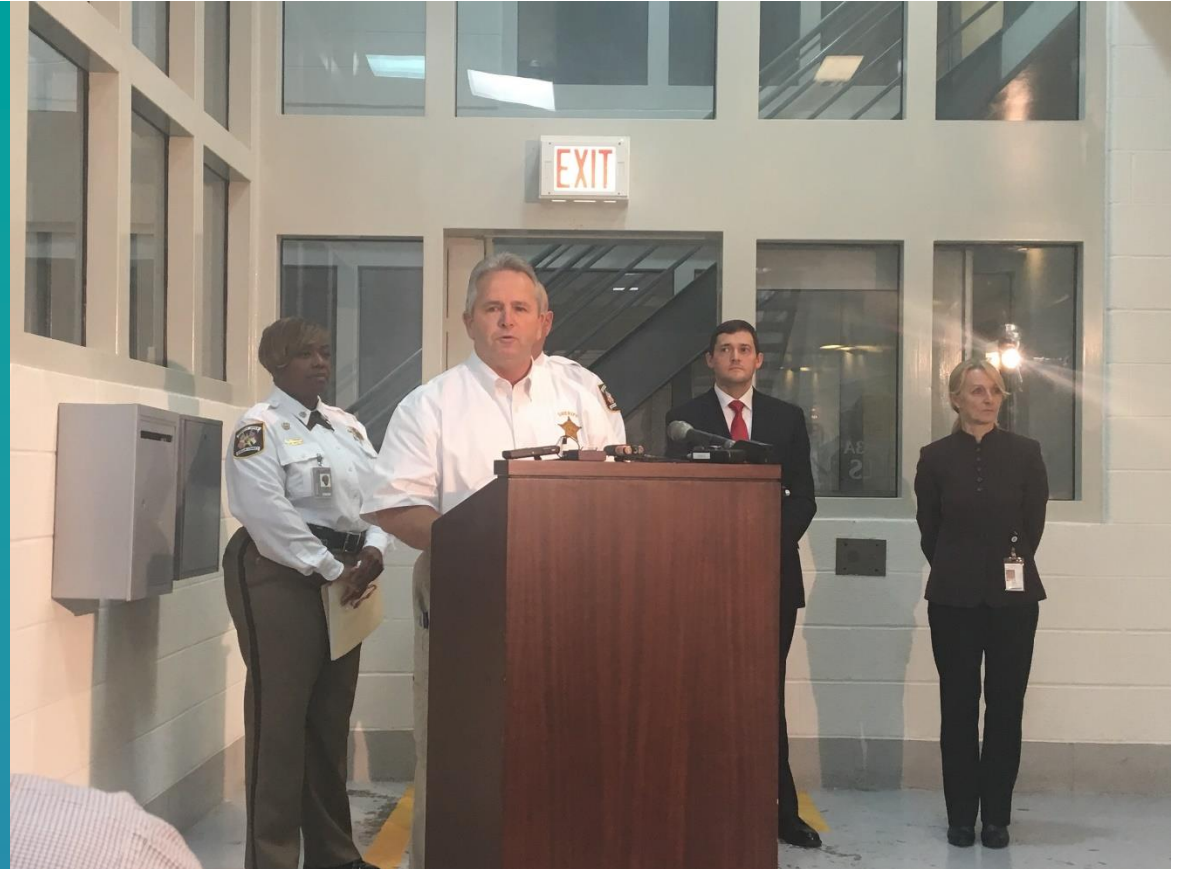
Average Annual Durham County Inmate Population



From FY 2005-06 to FY 2015-16, the Durham County's Average Annual Inmate Population decreased by 12%

GOAL 3

Expanded mental
health services &
continue to fund
Drug Treatment
Court



GOAL 3

BULL CITY UNITED + CURE VIOLENCE

Starting in 2016 and continuing on into 2017, Durham County has made a significant commitment to the struggle of stopping the unacceptable gun violence plaguing our community. In 2016, 40 people died of gun violence in Durham and more than 194 people were harmed by gunfire.



GOAL 4

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In 2016, in Goal 4, Environmental Stewardship, Durham County built on its success of preserving more than 3,581 acres of open space and farmland by protecting both the George Tilley and Douglas Daye farms.



GOAL 4

ROUGEMONT WATER PROJECT

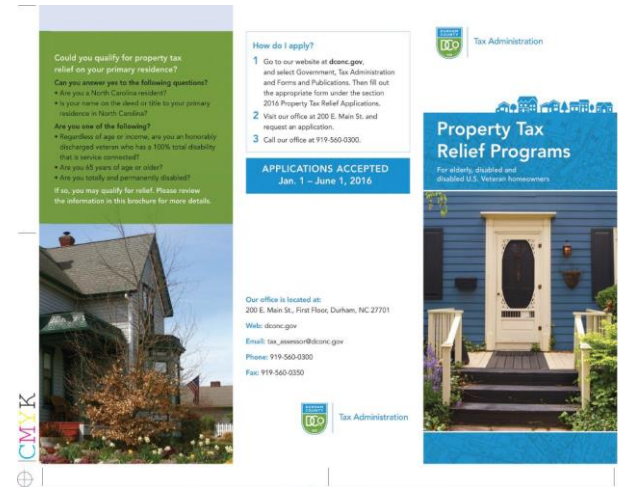
A multi-year, \$2.5 million project that included funding from the Division of Environmental Quality, the Commerce Department, the EPA and Durham County Government, allowed the county to construct a community well that now provides safe and clean drinking water to nearly 40 households in Rougemont that were at risk from leaking underground gas tanks.



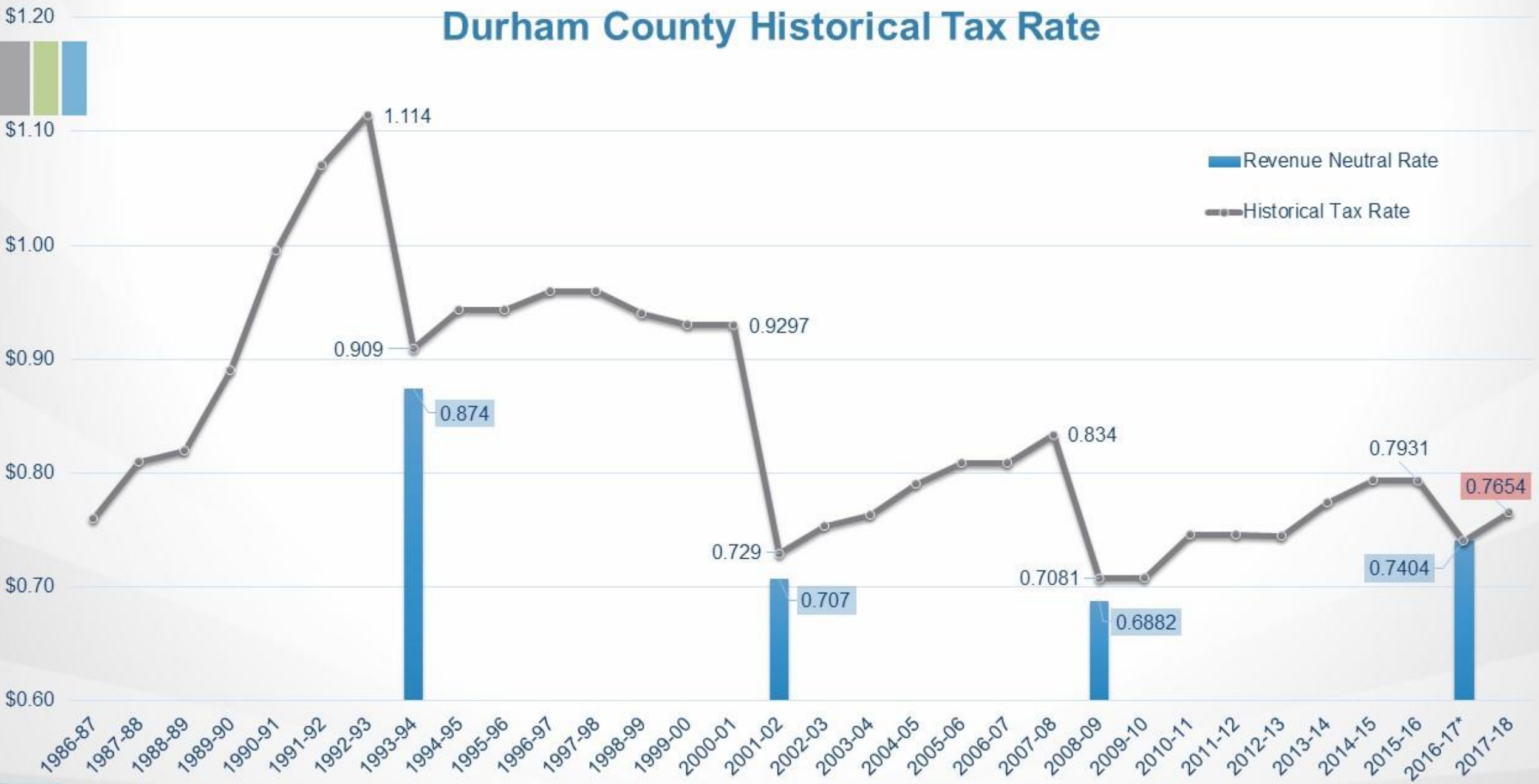
GOAL 5

ACCOUNTABLE EFFICIENT & VISIONARY GOVERNMENT

The hallmark of the past year was our 2016 property tax appraisal process. We had not completed a reappraisal in 8 years. Our tax office worked to make this process as user friendly for citizens by implementing an online appeals process with comparable analysis information also easily accessible to property owners.



Durham County Historical Tax Rate



GOAL 5



TRIPLE A
BOND RATING



Durham
is one of
only 69
out of
3,069
counties

MANAGING FOR RESULTS

61% of Residents
Are **Satisfied**
or
Very Satisfied
with county services



Summary

- Overall community priorities for improvement over the next 2 years:
 - ❑ Public schools
 - ❑ Overall maintenance of streets
 - ❑ Overall flow of traffic
 - ❑ Police protection
- Overall County priorities for improvement over the next 2 years:
 - ❑ Public schools
 - ❑ Effectiveness of communication with the public
 - ❑ Services of Durham County Dept. of Social Services
 - ❑ Sheriff protection



DCo Strategic Plan Updates

Taking a new look at our priorities





COMING SOON:

The Strategic
Plan gets a new
paint job!

www.dconc.gov/SPR





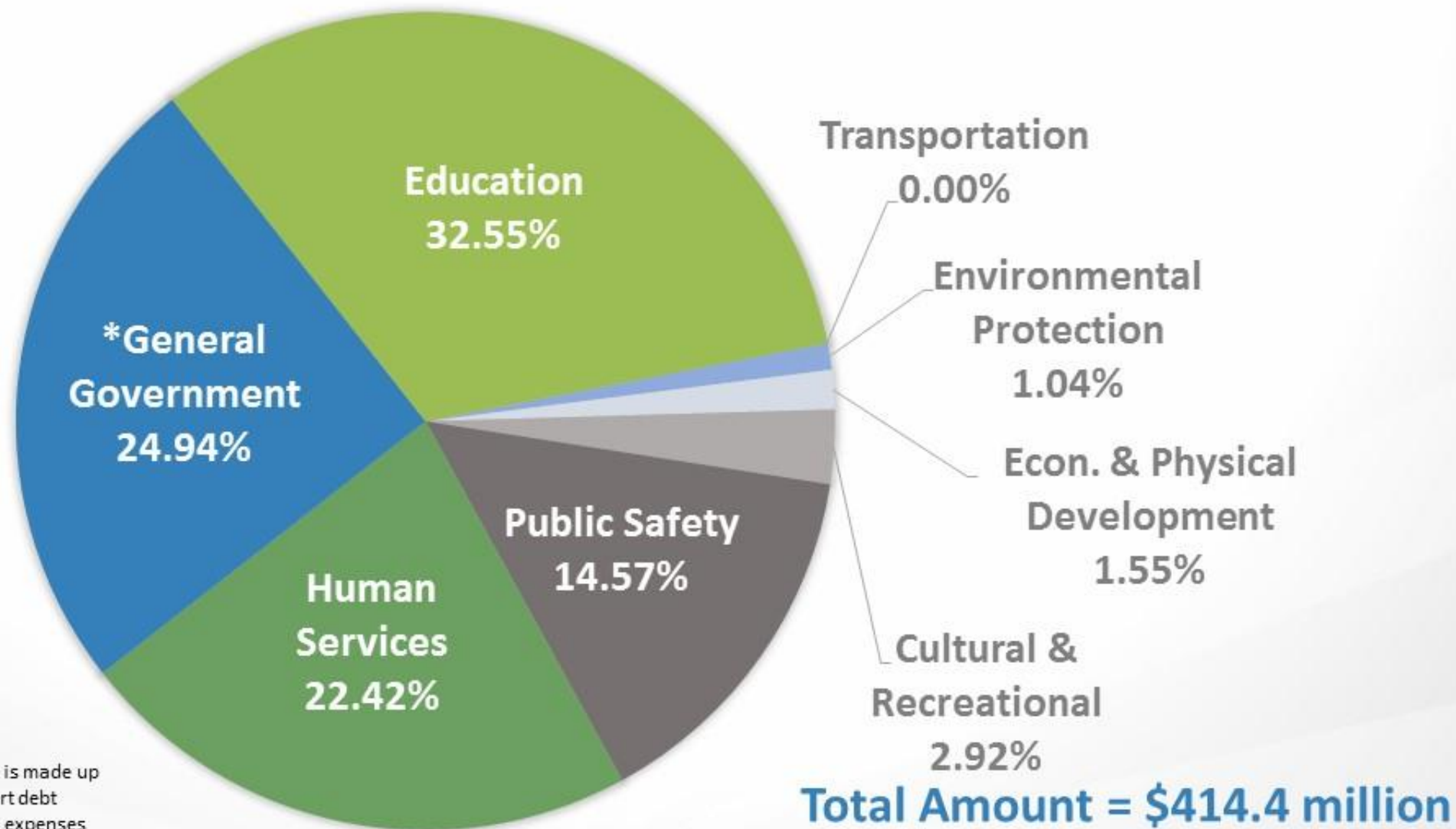
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DURHAM'S VITALITY IS BUILT UPON
THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS
AND THE CAPACITY OF OUR COMMUNITY
TO FOSTER AND ENHANCE
THE WELLBEING OF EVERY CITIZEN.



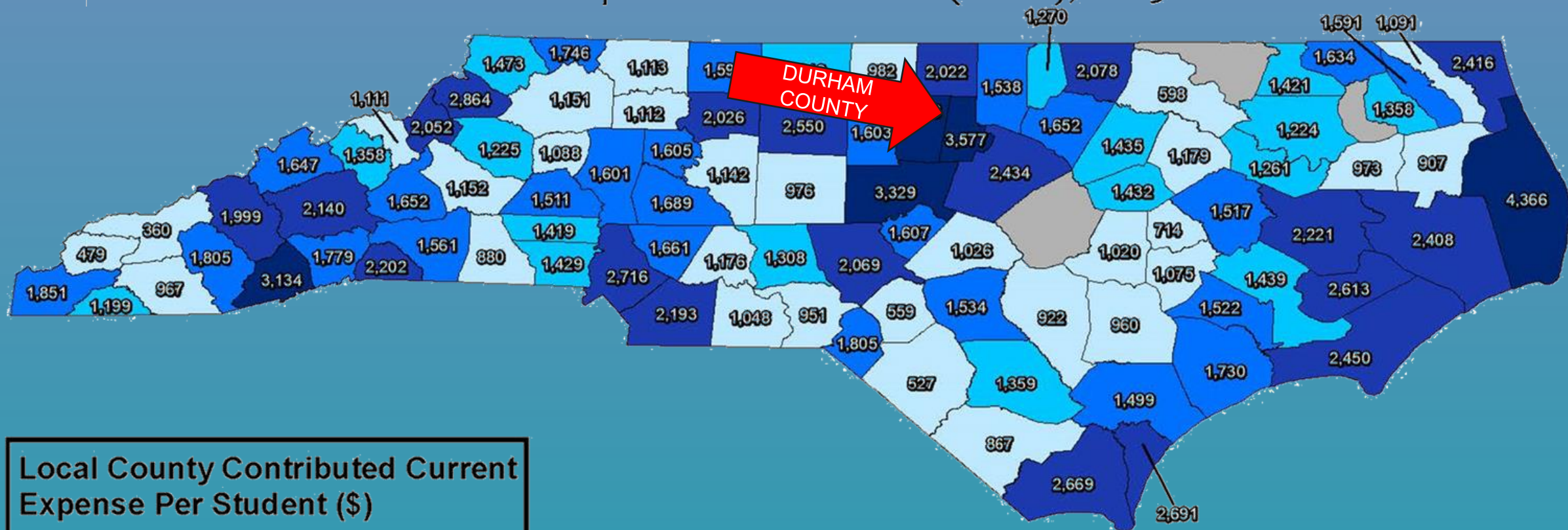
Human --- Capital

General Fund Expenditures



*Note: 52.8% of General Government is made up of "transfers to other funds" to support debt service payments, benefits, and other expenses

Local Current Expense Per Student (ADM), 2015—2016



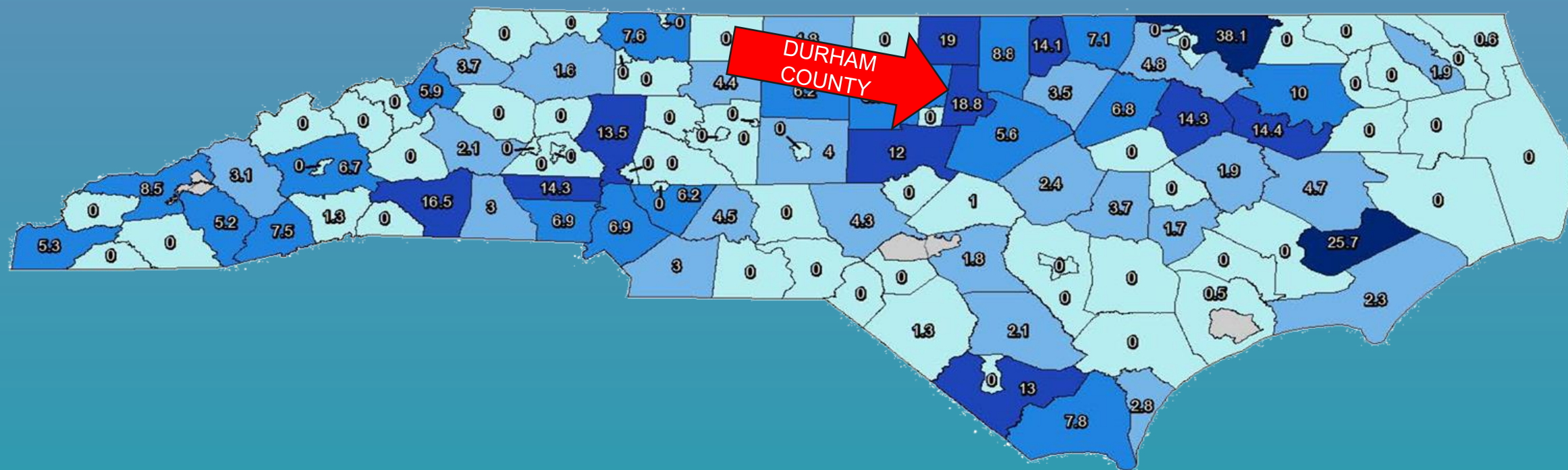
Local County Contributed Current Expense Per Student (\$)



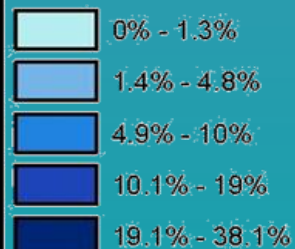
Source: As self-reported by the county for the NCACC Budget and Tax Survey, 2015—2016

Note: Local County-Contributed Current Expense Per Student is the amount of money reportedly allocated to be spent on each individual student by the county over the course of the school year. This map does not include Charter funding.

Percent of K-12 Students Enrolled in a Charter School, 2015—2016



Percent of School District in Charter School



Note: These values represent the percent of ALL K-12 district students enrolled in public Charter Schools instead of traditional public or private schools. These values do not include the Camp Lejeune School District (Onslow County), Fort Bragg School District (Cumberland and Hoke Counties), or the Eastern Cherokee Reservation School District (Swain and Jackson Counties).

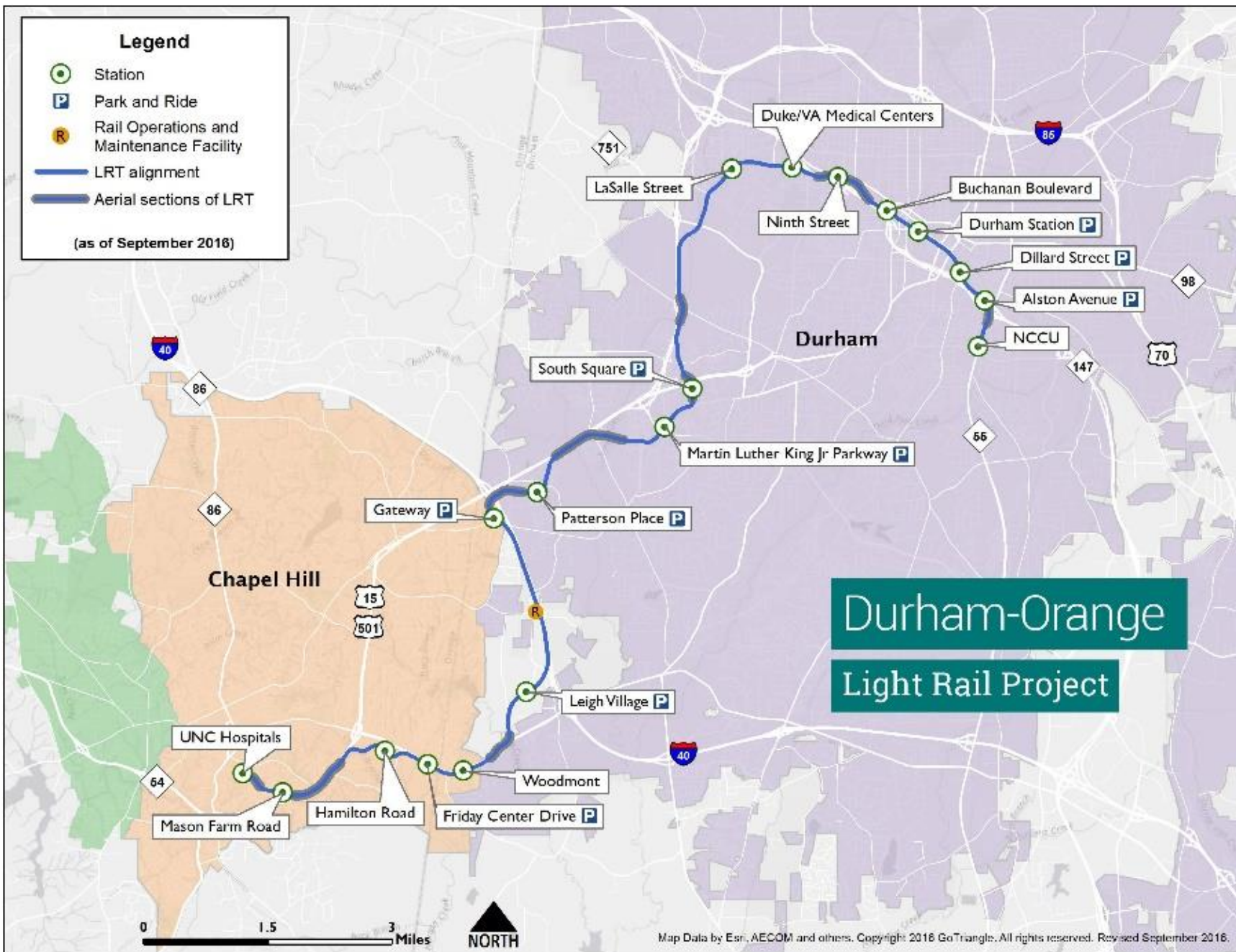




Light Rail?

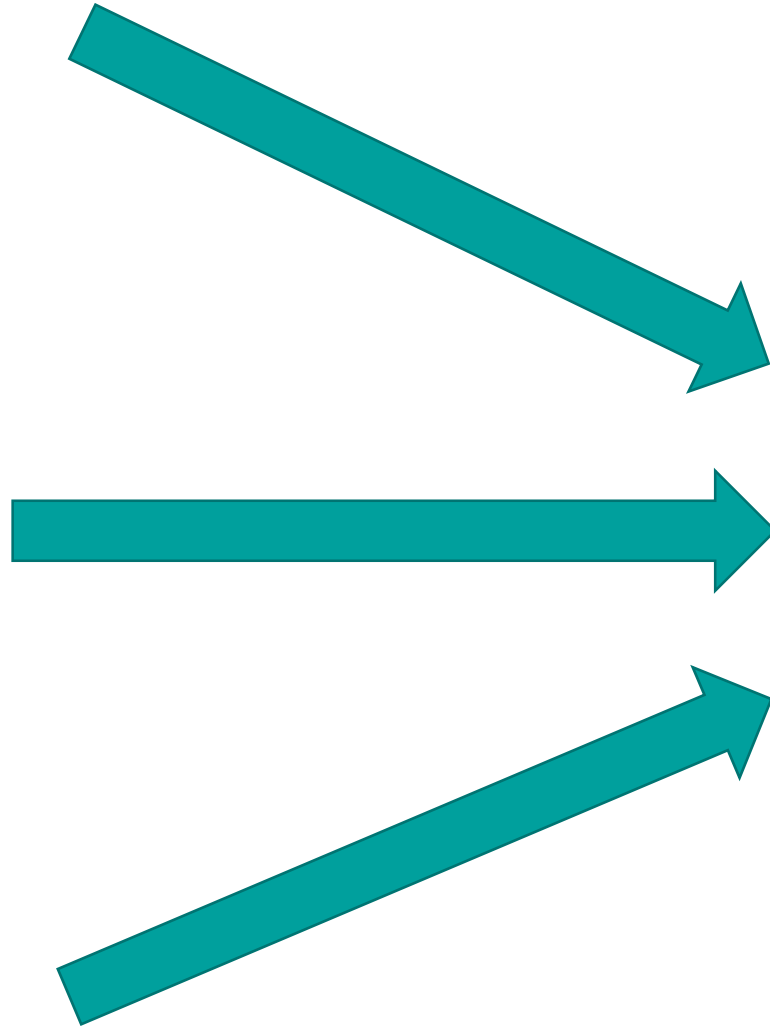
Why the D-O LRT project makes sense for Durham and Orange Counties













TRY TRANSIT

1202

BullCityConnector.org Brightleaf

Durham Station

Five Points

DPAC

Hybrid

Ninth Street

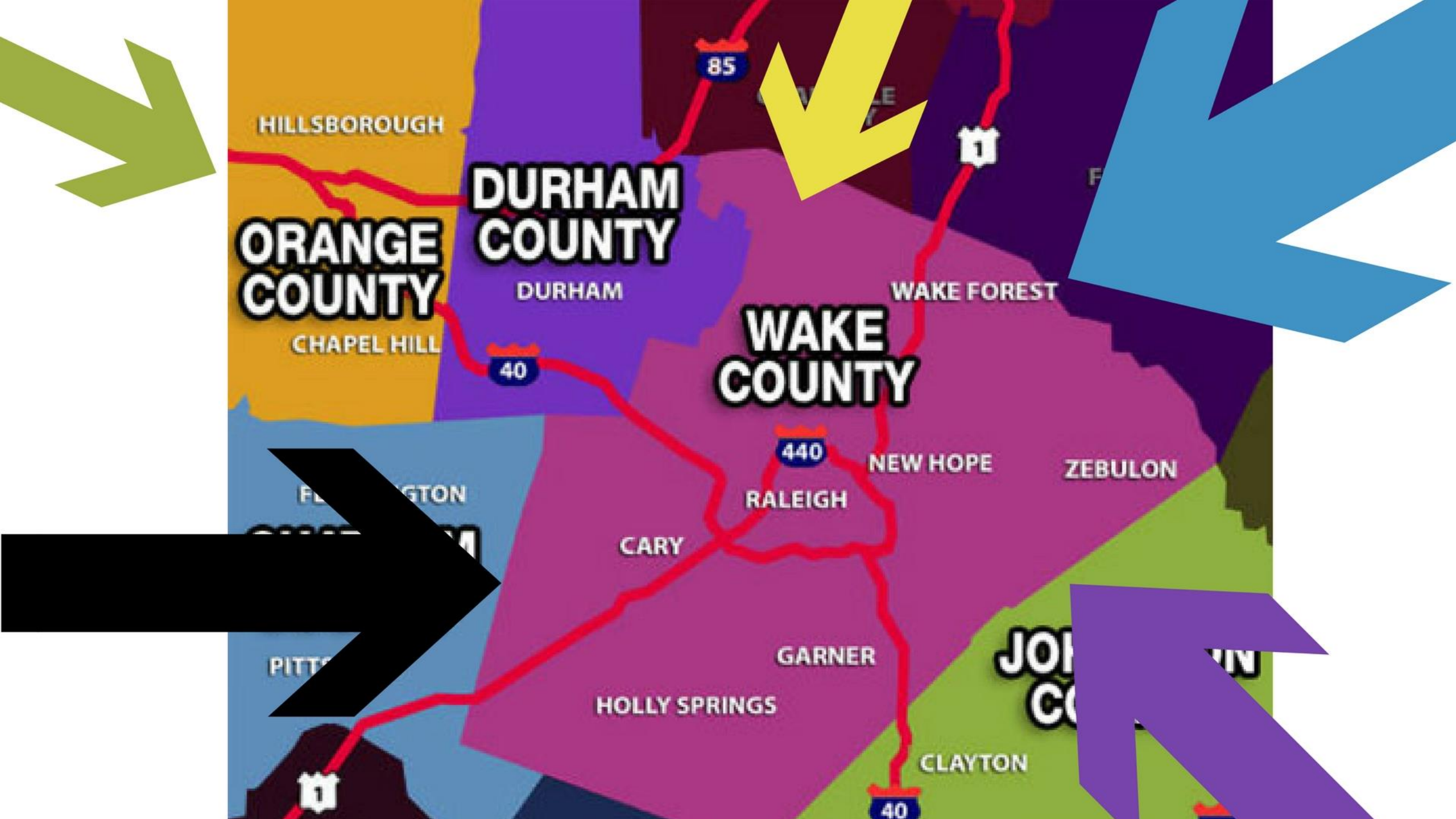
Duke Hospital

**BULL
CITY
CONNECTOR**

Golden Bell

DURHAM
Where great things happen

15
MAIN STREET
PHARMACY



HILLSBOROUGH

**ORANGE
COUNTY**

CHAPEL HILL

**DURHAM
COUNTY**

DURHAM

40

**WAKE
COUNTY**

WAKE FOREST

440

NEW HOPE

ZEBULON

RALEIGH

CARY

GARNER

HOLLY SPRINGS

CLAYTON

**JOHN
STON
COUNTY**

What is **Affordable Housing**?



The government says housing is “affordable” if a family spends **no more than 30%** of their income to live there.







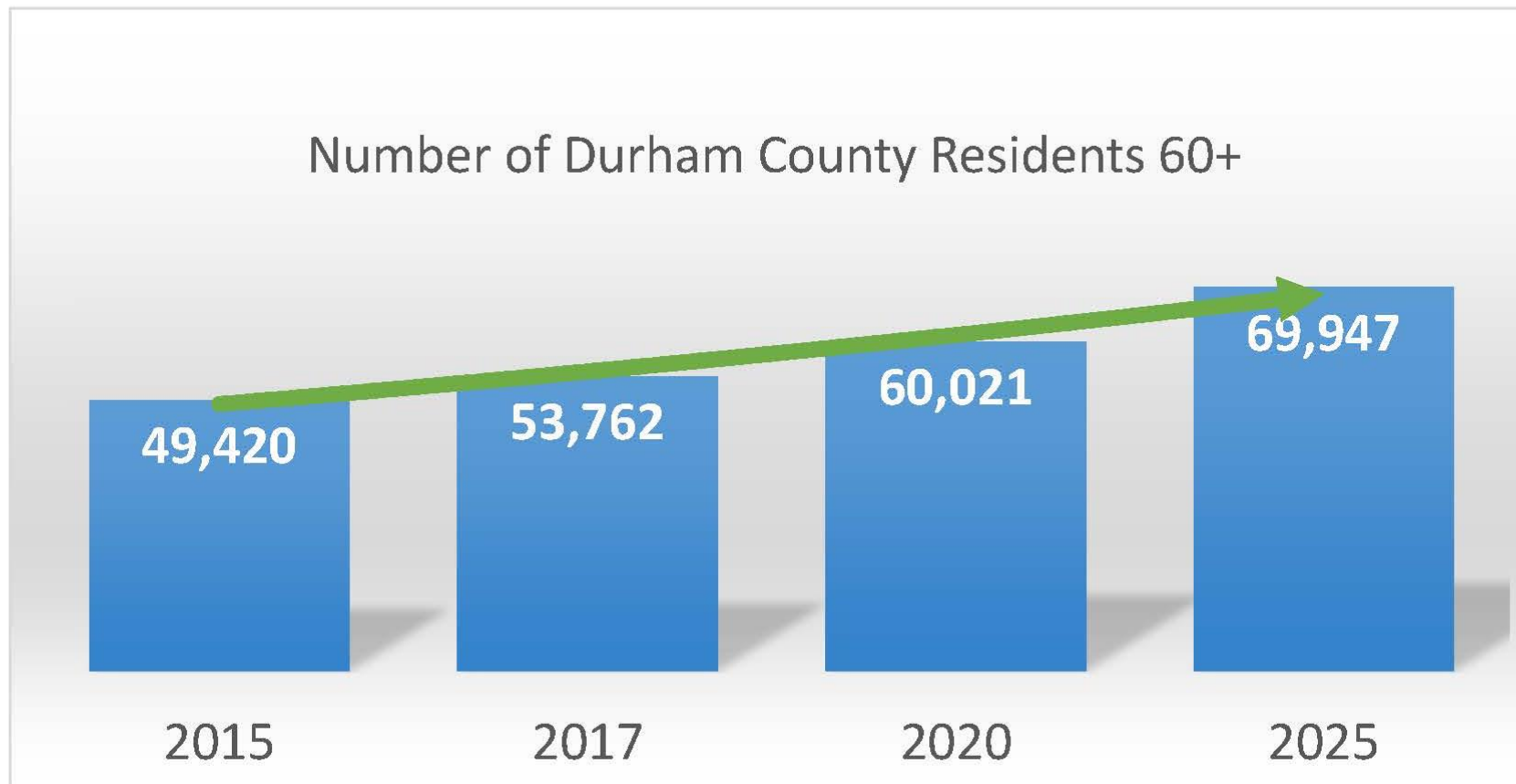


Vulnerable Populations

Nearly
1 out of 5
seniors in
Durham
County were
living below
the poverty
level.



Current and Projected Demographics Durham County 60+



Age Friendly Community

GOAL



AARP[®]



**World Health
Organization**



Key efforts to focus on young people of color:

- **Made in Durham**
- **My Brother's Keeper**
- **Mayor's Transformation in Ten initiative**



MADE
IN DURHAM
Preparing Our Youth for Careers



**Durham County must work with
community partners to overcome
barriers:**

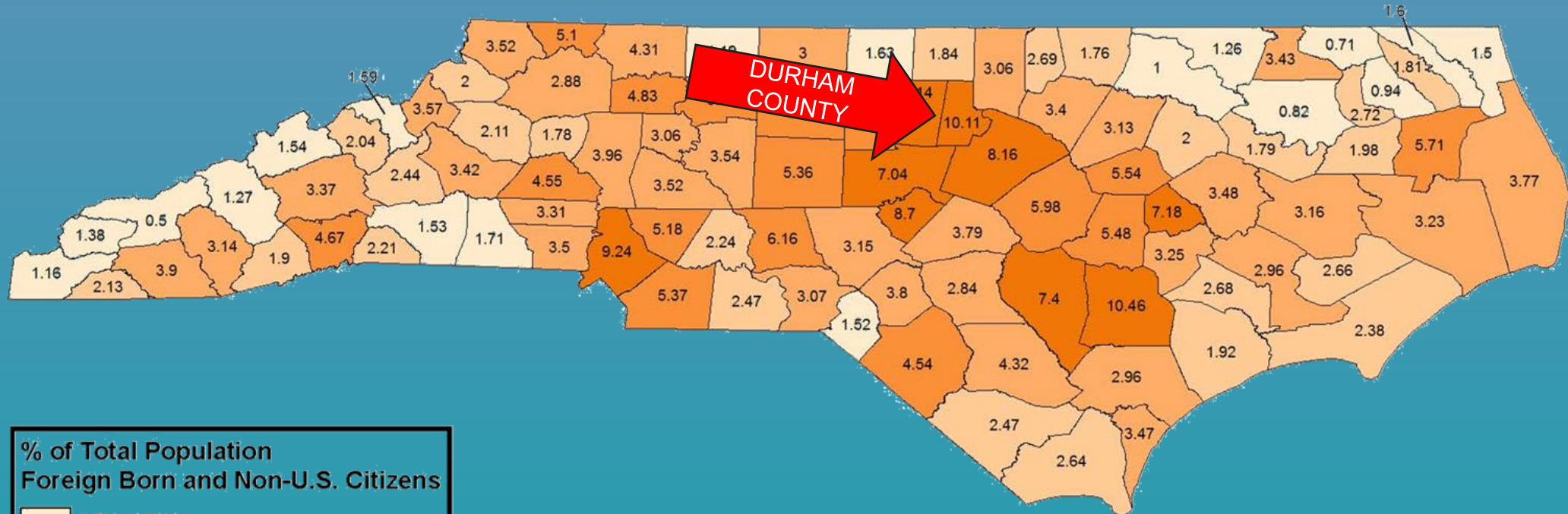
- **Lack of access to childcare**
- **Transportation**
- **Criminal background**
- **Racial bias**

Manufacturing Jobs





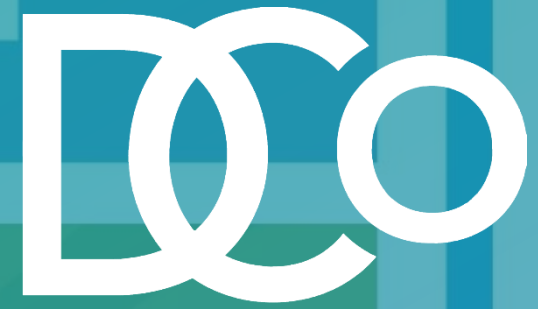
Percent of Total Population - Foreign Born and Non-U.S. Citizens







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