

Leadership North Carolina

Wake County Board of Commissioners

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Rankings

#3

hottest housing
market in the US

3rd

best large college
city in America

Top 10

metro area for
highest academic
achievement in K-12
education

Top 10

for tech talent and
tech innovation

Top 10

safest cities in
America

Top 20

most fun places to
live in the U.S.

Top 10 largest counties in NC

1. **Wake County**
2. Mecklenburg County
3. Guilford County
4. Forsyth County
5. Cumberland County
6. Durham County
7. Buncombe County
8. Union County
9. Cabarrus County
10. New Hanover County



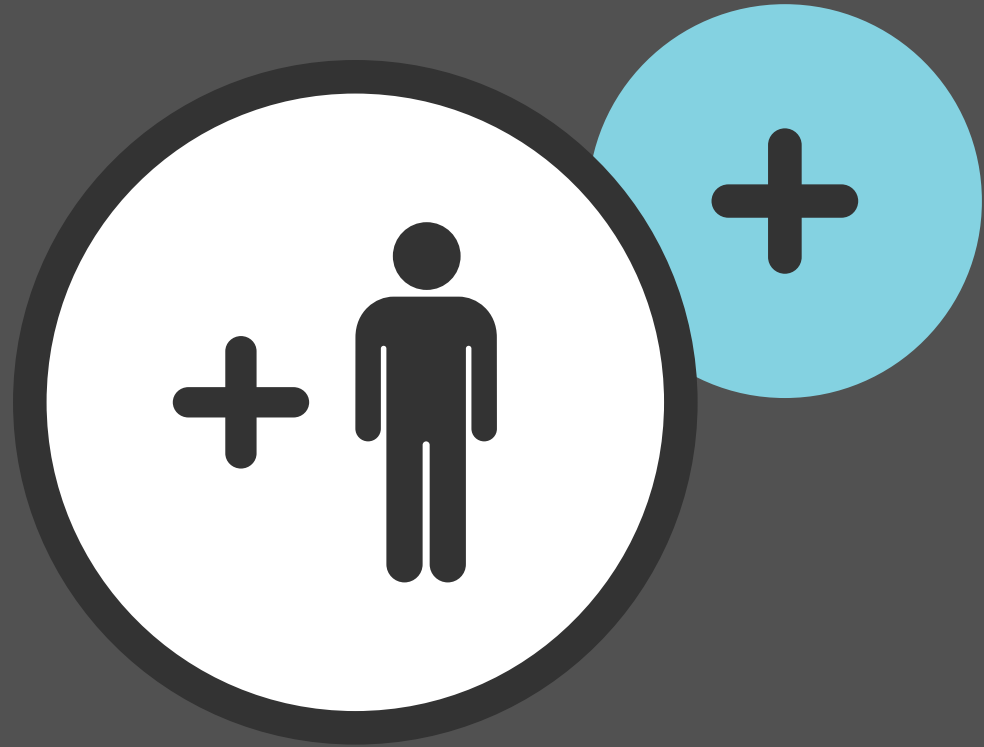
Population Size

Wake County's population
is currently estimated at
1.18 million residents
440,000 households

Wake County is growing by

56

people
per day



46% of our new residents are 55+

- Wake County will have more residents over 60 than children under 18 by 2029
- Impacts our service delivery and the kinds of services needed



4,400

Wake County Employees

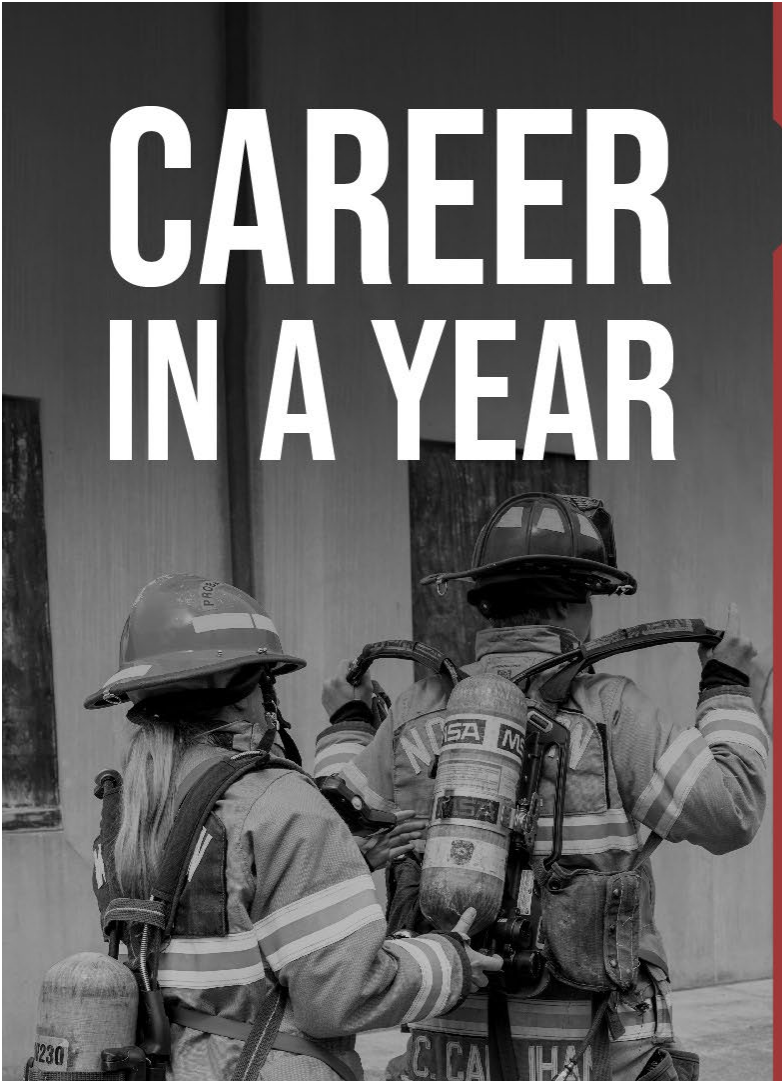


Team Wake

- Animal Center
- Board of Elections
- Wake EMS
- Fire and Emergency Management
- Parks & Nature Preserves
- Libraries
- Waste & Recycling
- Health & Human Services
- Affordable Housing
- Veterans Services
- Register of Deeds



CAREER IN A YEAR



Make a difference as a certified firefighter

- ▶ Salary and benefits while you train
- ▶ Academy tuition covered
- ▶ An exciting career doing meaningful work

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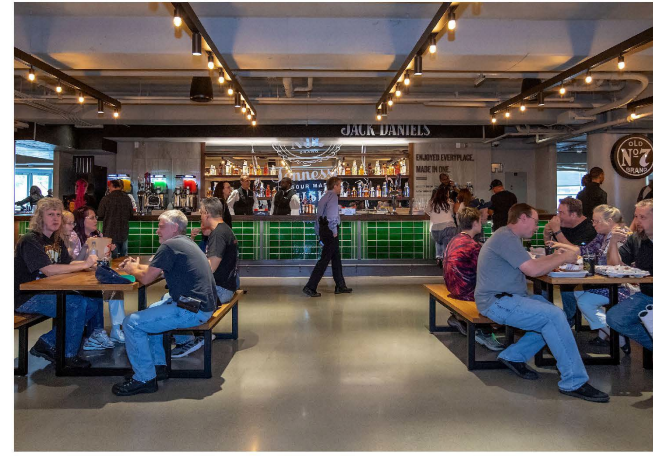
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Parks, Libraries, Veterans



PNC Arena

MAIN CONCOURSE EXPANDED FOOD AND BEVERAGE/GRAB & GO VISIONING

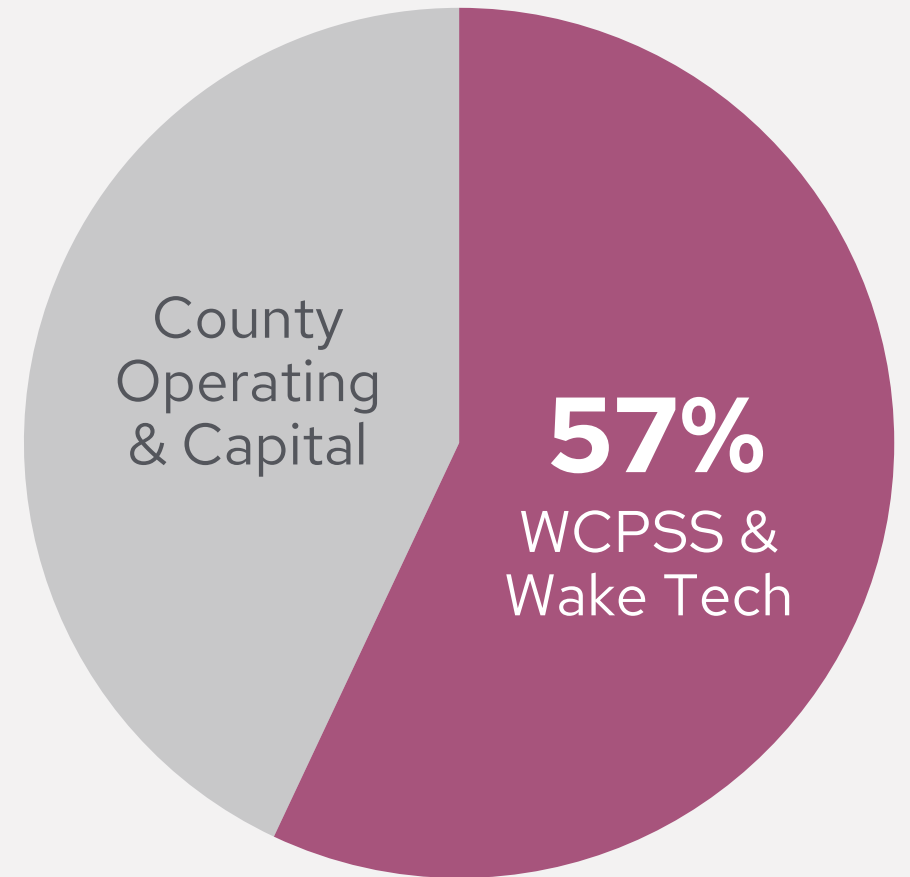


Raleigh Convention Center & Red Hat Amphitheater

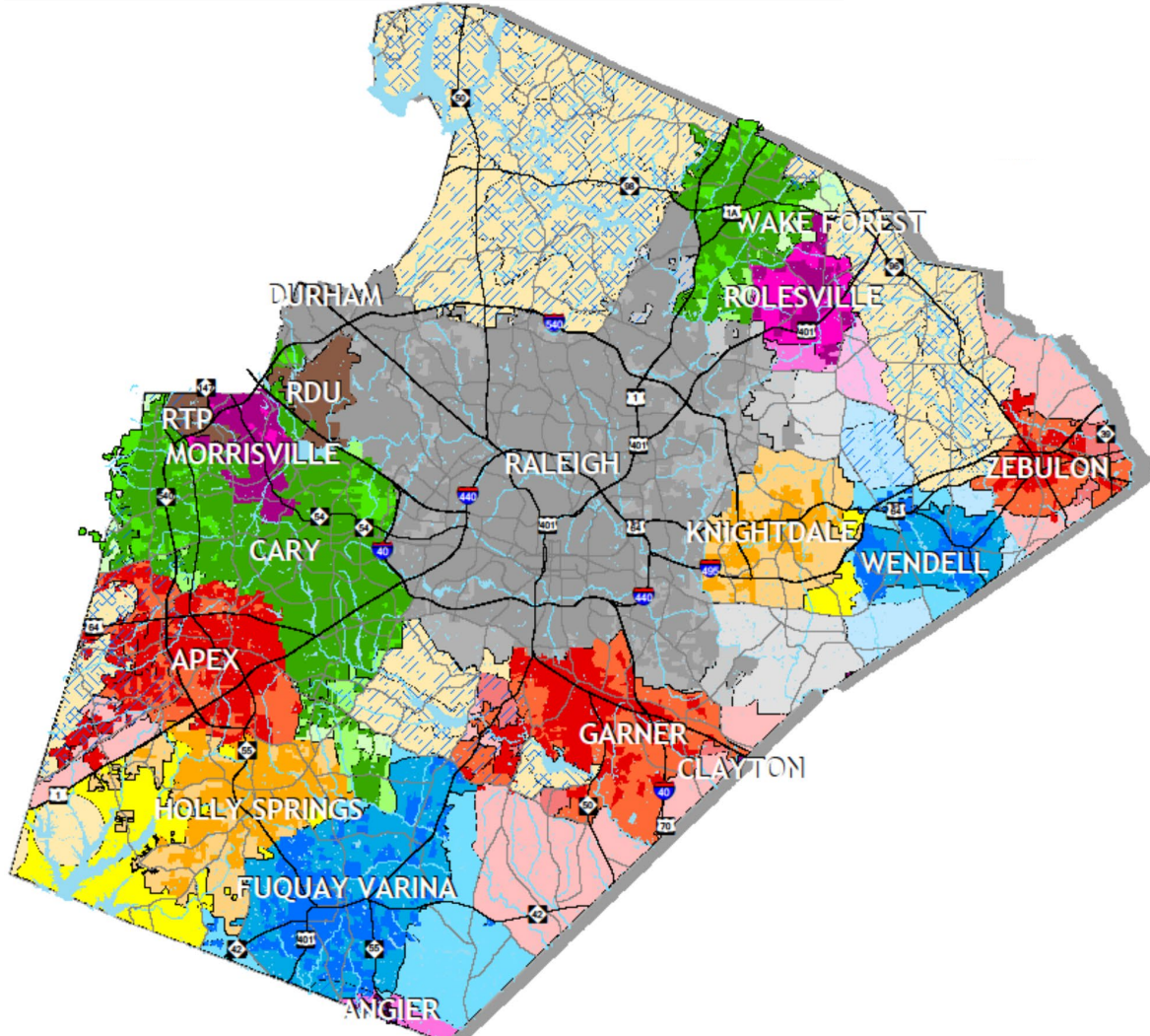
Concept Rendering



**Education
investment accounts
for 57% of the
FY2024 budget:
<\$1 Billion**



Collaborate with 12 municipalities



Apex

Cary

Fuquay-Varina

Garner

Holly Springs

Knightdale

Morrisville

Raleigh

Rolesville

Wake Forest

Wendell

Zebulon

Wake County Board of Commissioners

- 7 commissioners from 7 districts
- Elected county-wide
- 4-year terms
- Changes coming
 - In 2024 the 7 existing seats will run within their districts
 - In 2026 two new commissioners will run at-large
- Meetings twice a month, one at 2 p.m. & one at 5 p.m.
- Public comment period allows any resident 3 minutes to share their thoughts



Board Functions

- Creating county ordinances (laws)
 - Non-discrimination ordinance, farmland preservation ordinance
- Working on economic development packages
- Planning and funding capital improvements
- Acquiring and preserving open space
- Passing the county budget
 - Funding for the Wake County Public School System, Wake Tech and the Wake County Sheriff's Department
 - Funds innovative programs like affordable housing, Wake EMS, libraries
- Communicate with the community through correspondence and events like this, talking with community members about their priorities

Affordable Housing



Affordable Housing Preservation Fund

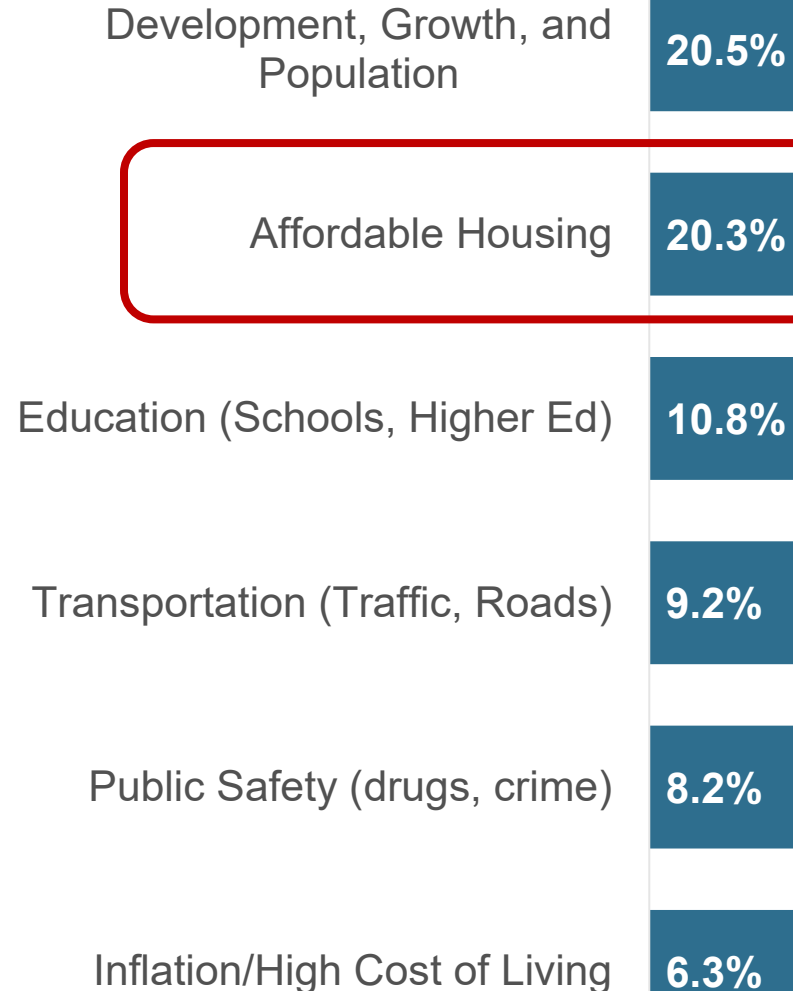
**\$61.7
million**

Investment by Wake, Raleigh,
Self-Help Ventures Fund &
private banks, to date

- Launched in 2022
- Loans help acquire or preserve naturally occurring affordable units, keep rents low using low-income housing tax credits.
- 62 units preserved to date

Most important issues facing Wake County

- Community Survey conducted in fall 2022
- 2,261 respondents, representative sample
- Open-ended question
- Development, growth, and population and affordable housing are the top two issues





Why Public Service?



Get Involved!