### Leadership North Carolina

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Wake County Board of Commissioners
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#### Wake recent 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.







# 1.18 million

People live in Wake County

#### **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



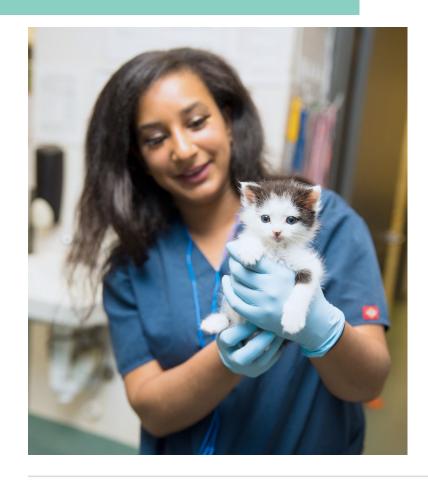
# Growing by

# 51 PEOPLE A DAY

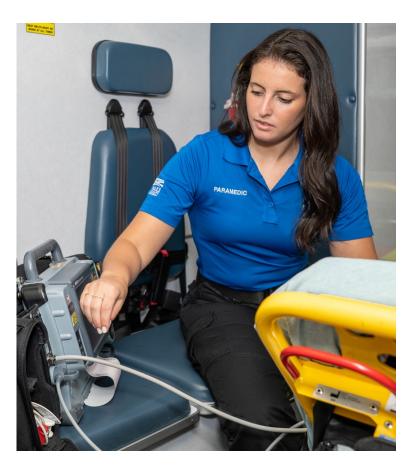


### 5,000

### Wake County Employees

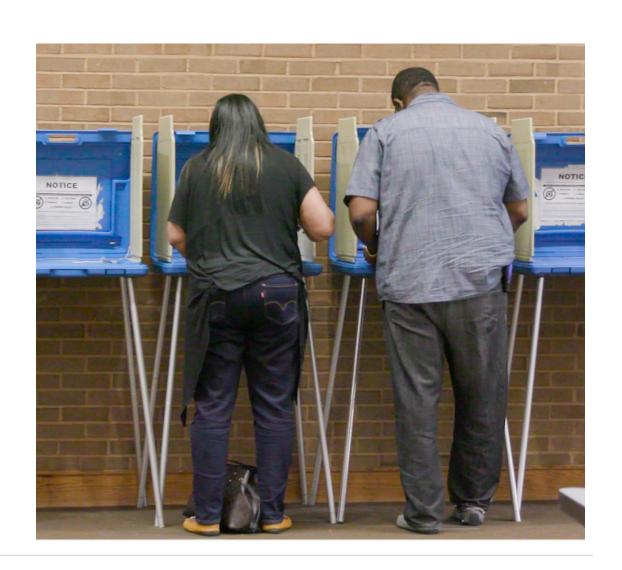


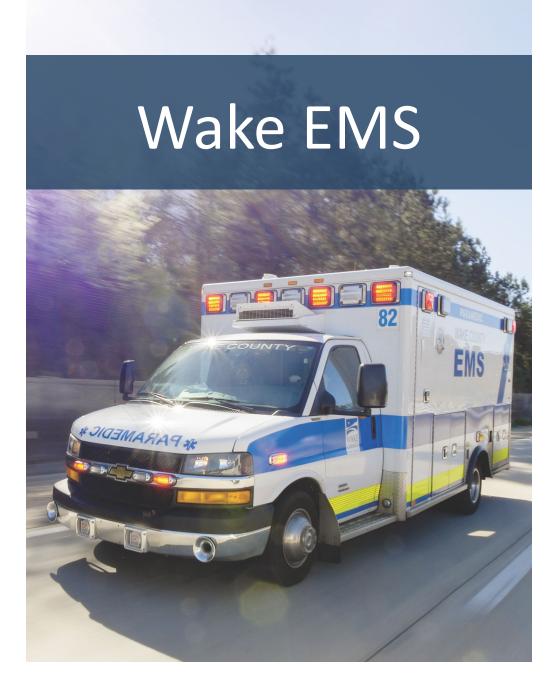




#### **Team Wake's Work**

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











### **Parks & Libraries**





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#### Lenovo Arena

#### MAIN CONCOURSE EXPANDED FOOD AND BEVERAGE/GRAB & GO VISIONING













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#### **Wake County Board of Commissioners**

- 7 Commissioners
- 4-year terms
- Changes Coming
  - This year commissioners began running in their districts.
  - In 2026 two new commissioners will run at-large
- Regular Meetings twice a month



#### **Board Functions**

- Create Wake County Strategic Plan
- Create county ordinances (laws)
  - Non-discrimination ordinance, farmland preservation ordinance
- Work on economic development packages
- Plan and fund capital improvements
- Pass the county budget
  - Funding for the Wake County Public School System, Wake Tech and the Wake County Sherriff's Department
  - Funds innovative programs like affordable housing, Wake EMS, libraries

**39**economic development projects announced

Create

11,000+

new jobs

Contribute

\$5.7+ billion in capital investments

### FY2025 Adopted Budget

\$2,082,579,000





#### **GOAL:**

Create and preserve

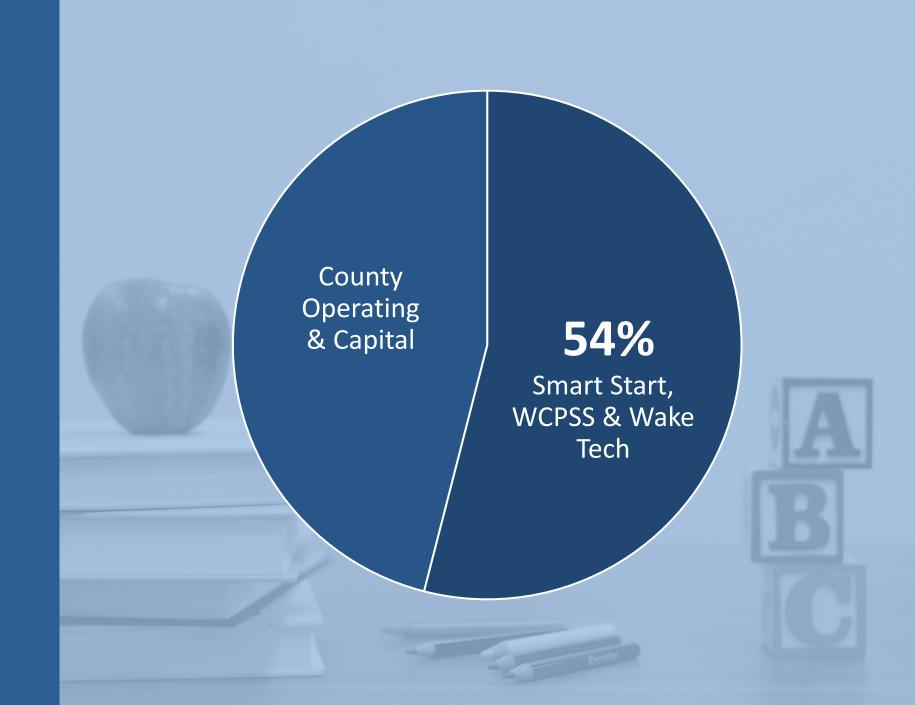
2,500

affordable housing units by 2029



## Investing in education

The investments in operating and capital projects for education comprise 54% of our entire FY2025 budget.



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### Collaboration

### **Grow Partnerships**

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