



# Education and Workforce

Wake County and the Raleigh MSA have a highly desirable workforce, particularly for those industries seeking highly trained workers.

## Higher Education

Sitting at the center of Research Triangle, the anchor universities of University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, and Duke offer an unmatched talent pool in a number of disciplines including technology, engineering, programming and business disciplines. In addition to the education campuses listed above, the Raleigh MSA has six more four-year colleges.

Wake Tech is the state community college in Wake County and currently has seven campuses. A Morrisville campus is projected for 2017. In addition to serving its students, Wake Tech is business and industry's go-to place for specialized training and services, as well as serving as the small business development center affiliated with the Small Business Administration. Wake Tech can assist in job profiling and, when eligible, connect businesses to workforce grants to assist in training.

Within Morrisville, there are four university and college satellite campuses.

- North Carolina Chef's Academy is located in Perimeter Park. The graduates from NC Chef's Academy, part of Harrison College, work in top restaurants throughout the region and country.
- Campbell University offers degrees in business administration, accounting, homeland security, criminal justice and information technology.
- DeVry University has degrees focused in all disciplines of business and technology.
- Strayer University – RTP Campus has degrees in business administration, accounting, information systems, criminal justice and economics.



## K-12 Education

Wake County, particularly Western Wake County where Morrisville is located, has some of the best K-12 schools in the country.

Morrisville Elementary School and Cedar Fork Elementary School located in Morrisville are part of the Wake County Public School System. The primary public high schools for Morrisville residents are Green Hope High School and Panther Creek High School, and both are Schools of Excellence. Green Hope has a 93.8 percent graduation rate and Panther Creek has a >95 percent graduation rate.

*Source: 2013 N.C. Department of Public Instruction*





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## Educational Attainment

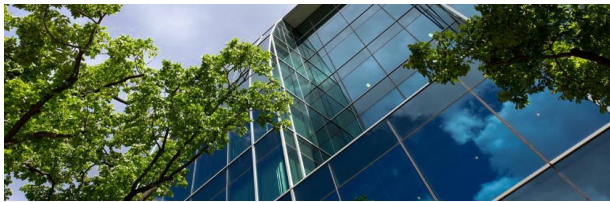
### Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Morrisville: 64.7%

Wake County: 47.6%

U.S.: 26.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey



## Workforce

North Carolina is a right-to-work state and has a low rate of union participation.

As of June 2014, the Raleigh-Cary MSA unemployment rate was 4.8 percent.



## Workers Compensation

According to the National Council on Compensation Insurance, North Carolina workers compensation legislation and insurance rates are generally more fiscally responsible and cost employers less money than in other states.

For additional information, please contact the following agencies:

### NC Industrial Commission

4340 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699  
919.807.2501

### NC Rate Bureau

5401 Six Forks Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
919.582.1053

## Unemployment Insurance

2013 Taxable wage base – \$20,900

Standard rate for company new to NC (First two years) – 1.2%

Minimum rate – 0.096%

Maximum rate – 6.84%

For more information, contact:

### North Carolina Employment Security Commission,

#### UI Division

PO Box 26504, 700 Wade Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27611-6504  
919.707.1150