

Tap into the Triangle

REGIONAL OVERVIEW



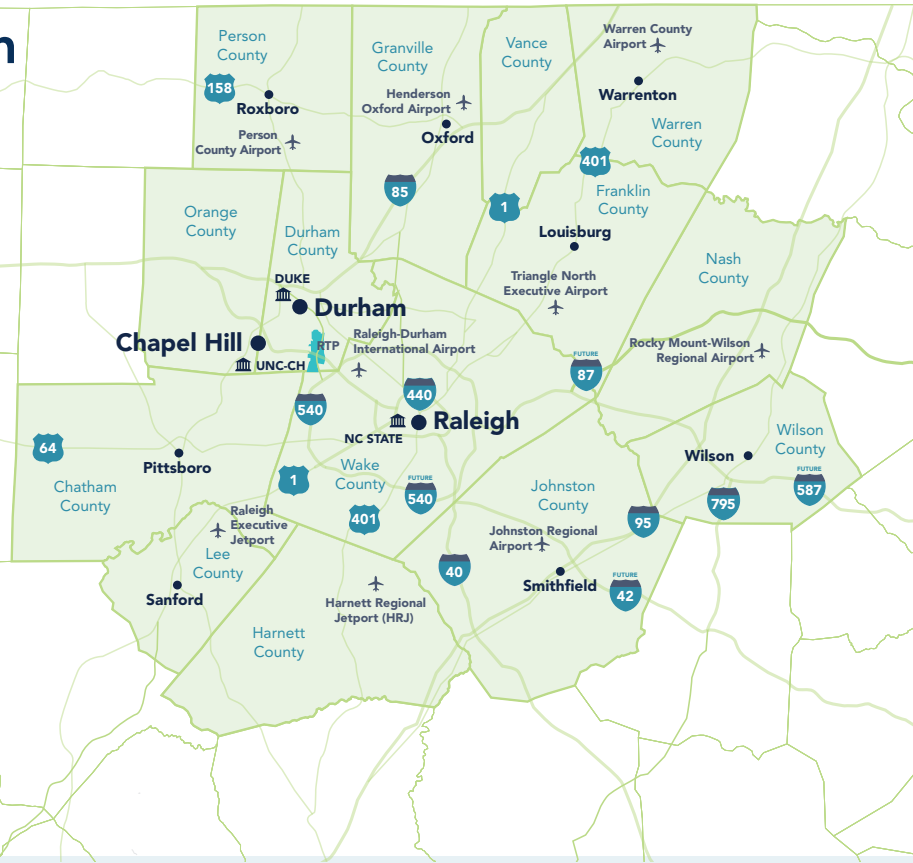
Get to Know the Region

The Research Triangle Region of North Carolina **serves as the economic hub, spanning 14 counties**, including the state capital, and is powered by three R1 universities: Duke University, North Carolina State University, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

The region is a **hotspot for new and expanding companies**, home to a highly educated workforce, and known for its strength across a wide variety of industry sectors, plus incredible quality of life.

2.0% Lowest Corporate Tax Rate in the U.S.

AAA Bond Rating (Moody's/S&P): Aaa, Stable/AAA, Stable



Target Industries

The Research Triangle Region welcomes businesses of all sizes to join our thriving ecosystem. With deep roots in agriculture, the region has expanded beyond the fields to bring its first-in-class innovation to the forefront in every industry it touches.

Here are our key industries:

AgTech

- 100+ regional companies
- New USDA hub in Raleigh, NC
- 74% of NC's AgTech workforce is employed in the region

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Defense Technology

- 4th largest military presence in the U.S.
- 15k veterans entering the workforce (each year)
- 465k largest manufacturing workforce in the U.S.

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Life Sciences

- #1 concentration of CRO's in the world
- #5 top life sciences hub (Business Facilities)
- 675+ regional companies

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Technology

- 4k regional companies
- #9 top metro for tech talent, (Business Facilities)
- Top 10 in the U.S. for AI job growth (Axios)

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Our Workforce

A clear differentiator for the Research Triangle Region is the access and proximity to educated and skilled talent, with a regional labor force of over **one million people**, plus the nearly **65,000 graduates each year**. Where are they coming from?

12

Colleges and Universities

8

Community Colleges

156k

enrolled students across the region

78k

students from Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, and NC State



#1

Top City for Recent College Grads in America (Raleigh, NC)
ADP Research, 2025

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City Where College Grads are Landing Jobs (Raleigh, NC)
Wall Street Journal, 2025

#6

Most Educated City in the U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
WalletHub, 2025

Best Colleges in the U.S. in 2025
WalletHub, 2024



Duke University



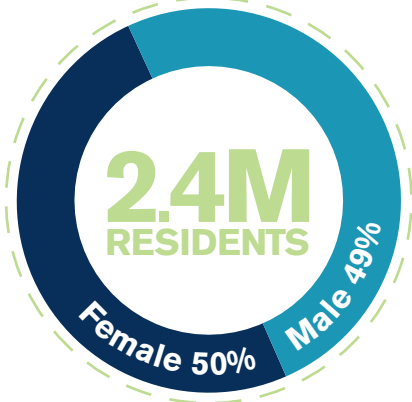
UNC Chapel-Hill



NC State University

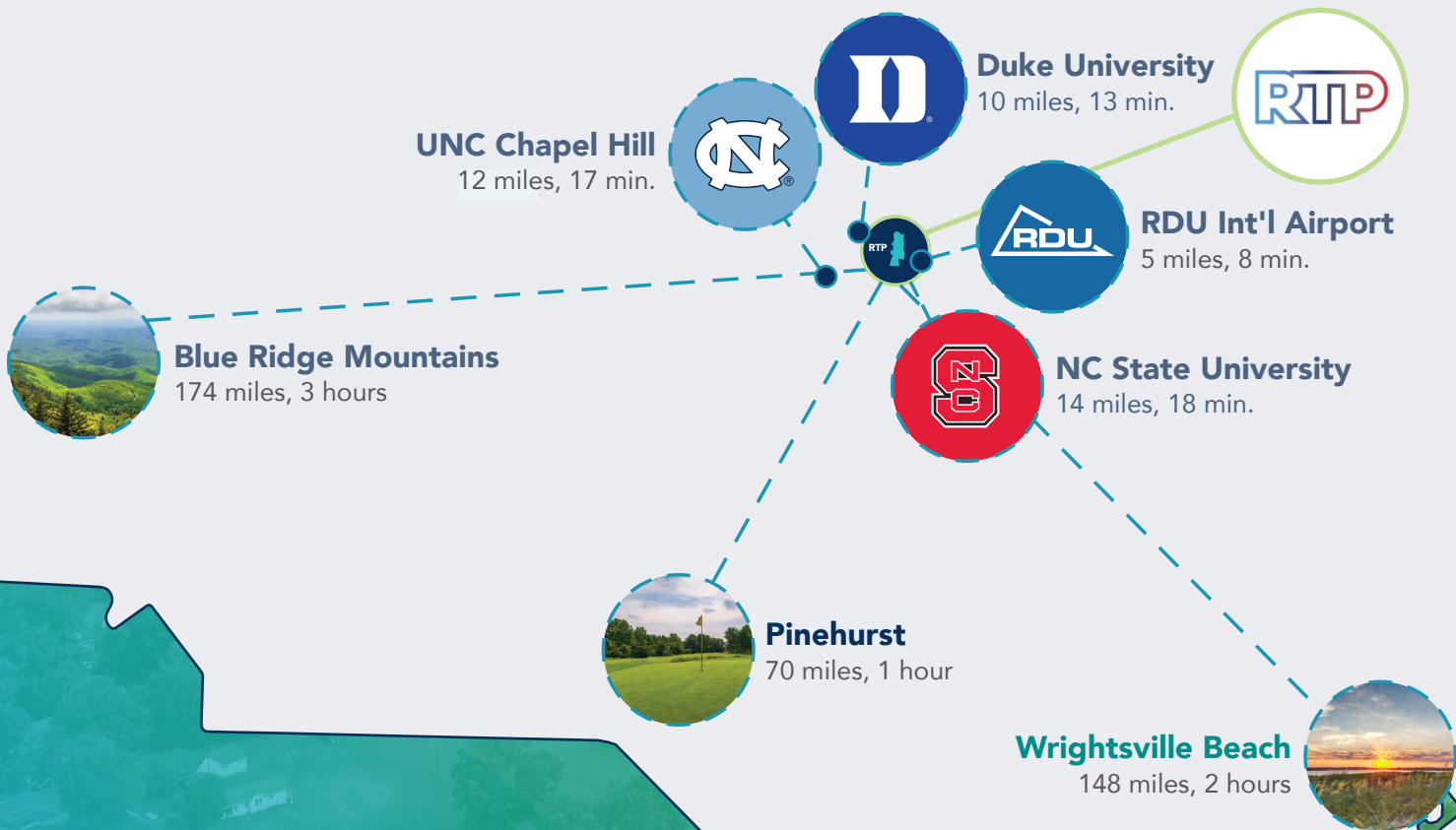
Population Profile

Along with a full pipeline of college graduates ready for employment, **47% of the regional population has a bachelor's degree or higher**, and the region has the fourth-highest concentration of PhDs in the U.S.



#1 Best Performing City
(Raleigh, NC), Milken Institute, 2025

#1 Top Metro for Best Business Climate
(Raleigh, NC MSA), Business Facilities, 2025



Day Trip in North Carolina

Whether you're catching a flight at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, cheering on your favorite ACC team at one of three R1 universities, hitting the links at Pinehurst, visiting Biltmore Estate along the Blue Ridge Mountains, or craving the salty breeze of the coast, it's all within reach on a day trip.

The **Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP)** is your direct connection to the 14 county Research Triangle Region in central North Carolina. We serve as a connector between industry looking to expand and the economic development offices, government agencies, and business organizations that support private sector growth.

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