

# Southern Coalition for Social Justice

## Census 2010 Factsheet: Durham County

How has Durham County changed since the last census?

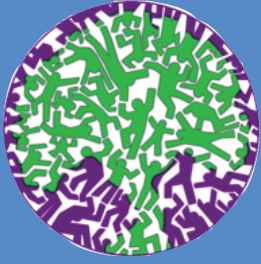
|                                 | 2000 Census | 2010 Projection           |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Total population</i>         | 223,314     | 274,371, a 22.9% increase |
| <i>Percent African-American</i> | 39.5%       | 36.4%                     |
| <i>Percent Hispanic</i>         | 7.6%        | 11.7%                     |

These projections come from NC's Office of State Budget and Management, in conjunction with data from the US Census American Community Survey (ACS 2006-2008). The NC OSBM projections are based on Census 2000 data, so they're only as accurate as the census itself!

Also, the ACS is a three-year average of phone survey data, and for privacy reasons data is not released for populations less than 20,000. In rural parts of NC, that means small-area data on race, ethnicity, poverty, transportation, health coverage, etc. will be either infrequently released or not available at all. In many smaller counties, timely data on the Hispanic population is simply not available.

What does that mean for political representation?

- Durham County is gaining population relative to the state as a whole, so in the 2010 round of redistricting it could gain representation in the State House and Senate (probably not by enough to gain an extra seat in either body).
- NC State House – Durham County is split up between State House Districts 29 (Hope Valley Farms, downtown Durham and south-central Durham), 30 (west of Duke Street and north of 15-501), 31 (East Durham and the RTP area), and 55 (northern Durham County and all of Person County). Districts 29 and 31 were both counted as majority-minority in 2000, while District 30 was 64.9% white and District 55 was 62.6% white.
- The voting-age population in District 29 was counted as 47.7% black (including folks identified as multi-racial and black), 3.4% Asian, with 6.3% of folks identifying as Hispanic. District 31 was counted as 48.7% black, 2.6% Asian, and 8.8% Hispanic.
- NC State Senate – Durham is split up between State Senate Districts 20 (most of the county) and 18 (SE Durham County, Chatham and Lee Counties). District 18 was counted as 71% white in 2000, and it also had a significant Hispanic population (8%). District 20 was counted as 48.2% white, 44.6% black, 7.9% Hispanic, and with 4.4% of the voting-age population identifying as some other race (double the state average). An accurate count is essential to consolidate minority representation in this district!
- Durham is entirely within the 4th Congressional District, represented by David Price (D). The 4th District was counted as 72.4% white (voting-age) in 2000. Along with Durham, the other counties in the 4th District are expected to see large population gains in the 2010 Census, meaning district boundaries will likely shrink.



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How would an accurate count impact federal funding?

- Not including Medicaid or Title I funding, Durham County benefited from \$12.7 million in federal funds allocated based on the census in 2010 alone, and \$147.5 million between 2000 and 2010.
- Medicaid: As of January 2010, **36,859** Durham County residents were enrolled in Medicaid. An accurate count for NC in 2000 would have resulted in **\$57 million** increased funding statewide in **2008 alone**.
- Title I: Durham County Schools received **\$9,583,763** in federal Title I allotments in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Those were distributed between 25 Title I eligible schools, serving over 12 thousand students (see table below).

Where should community organizations focus outreach efforts?

The US Census Bureau tracks these and other neighborhood characteristics through its Hard-to-Count (HTC) index. Areas with an HTC index above 60 are considered ‘hard-to-count’ – see the accompanying map for a detail of HTC areas in Durham County. Of course, the Census index relies on 2000 data, and in many cases neighborhood-level characteristics have changed so much since 2000 that your knowledge as a local organizer will be more useful for targetting census outreach than the HTC data.

All the “Hard-to-Count” areas of Durham County are west of US-70 and south of I-95, especially East Durham bordering US-70 and down past the Durham Freeway, and the West End.

### Durham County: Title I Schools

| School                         | % from low-income families | Total students | School                   | % from low-income families | Total students |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Bethesda Elementary            | 82.2%                      | 670            | Holt Elementary          | 73.8%                      | 642            |
| Burton Elementary              | 83.6%                      | 329            | Hope Valley Elementary   | 48.3%                      | 749            |
| C.C. Spaulding Elementary      | 95.5%                      | 287            | Lakewood Elementary      | 94.4%                      | 431            |
| Club Blvd Elementary           | 51.4%                      | 508            | Merrick-Moore Elementary | 88.6%                      | 756            |
| Creekside Elementary           | 36.3%                      | 314            | Morehead Montessori      | 36.4%                      | 68             |
| E.K. Powe Elementary           | 74.6%                      | 401            | Oak Grove Elementary     | 60.4%                      | 634            |
| Eastway Elementary             | 96.0%                      | 598            | Parkwood Elementary      | 66.6%                      | 647            |
| Eno Valley Elementary          | 69.7%                      | 659            | R. N. Harris Elementary  | 76.7%                      | 399            |
| Fayetteville Street Elementary | 80.5%                      | 287            | Southwest Elementary     | 53.6%                      | 660            |
| Forest View Elementary         | 53.0%                      | 643            | Spring Valley Elementary | 65.2%                      | 319            |
| George Watts Elementary        | 66.9%                      | 308            | W. G. Pearson Elementary | 61.5%                      | 647            |
| Glenn Elementary               | 88.6%                      | 771            | Y. E. Smith Elementary   | 88.6%                      | 352            |
| Hillandale Elementary          | 53.4%                      | 650            |                          |                            |                |