

Apex

Apex, a suburb of Raleigh located in Central North Carolina, had a population of 38,976 in 2012. The table below ranks each indicator utilizing (2005-2007 and 2010-2012 American Community Survey data) and compares the city's figures to North Carolina and the national figures.

	2012 Figures				
	2007 Ranking (out of 41)	2012 Ranking (out of 45)	Apex	NC	US
Per Capita Income	6	6	\$32,046	\$23,372	\$26,009
Poverty Rate	1	2	1.9%	17.8%	15.7%
Housing Cost Burden	1	1	20.5%	34.6%	37.2%
Overcrowding	3	3	0.5%	2.5%	3.3%
w/o HS Education	1	3	3.9%	15.1%	14.1%
w/ College Education	3	5	59.6%	27%	28.6%
Employment Rate	5	2	82.7%	69.4%	71.1%
Unemployment Rate	3	5	5.8%	9.8%	8.5%
Age 25-34 Population	17	39	11.4%	13%	13.4%

Highlights, Lowlights & Trends

Apex has grown rapidly since the 1990s and is one of the most prosperous cities in the state. It has been highly ranked consistently throughout this timeframe and ranked in the top six for eight indicators in 2012. For almost all indicators, Apex has been doing considerably better than North Carolina as a whole. Except for the young adult population, Apex saw minor changes in the rankings between 2007 and 2012.

Residents of Apex have a higher per capita income than both the state and the national averages, the second lowest poverty rate in the state, the lowest housing cost burden in the state, minimal overcrowding, and a significantly smaller percentage of individuals without a high school education (than the state and national percentages). Apex has had either the lowest or second lowest poverty rate in the state since 2005-2007

Apex's population is well educated, with almost double the percentage of individuals with a Bachelor's degree compared to the state average. The percentage of the population in Apex that has a Bachelor's degree has been ranked in the top five since 2007. The young adult population was the only indicator to change significantly for Apex. Young adults comprised 11.4 percent of the population in 2012, compared to 15 percent in 2007. Apex's place in the rankings decreased from 17th to 39th for this indicator. In 2012, there were an estimated 596 fewer 25-34 year olds living in Apex than in 2007.

Based on 2006-2010 American Community Survey data, the Census Bureau estimates that Apex's daytime population* is 28,436. This is approximately 17.4 percent less than the resident population for this timeframe. This indicates that more people are commuting out of Apex for work or school than are commuting in.

* According to the Census Bureau: daytime population refers to the number of people who are present in an area during typical business hours, including workers, children in school, people in hospitals or other short-term medical facilities, people temporarily staying in lodging facilities, and customers present at retail locations. This is in contrast to the "resident" population, which refers to people who reside in a given area and are typically present during the evening and nighttime hours.