



## GREENSBORO, NC AREA INFORMATION

[Greensboro](#) is the third largest city in North Carolina, founded around a central courthouse in 1808. Its estimated population is 285,000 people. Located between the Atlantic Ocean and Appalachian Mountains, the [Piedmont Triad of North Carolina](#) consists of the three cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point. This region has over 1.6 million residents, making it the 30th largest metropolitan area in the U.S.

The Greensboro economy and the Piedmont Triad area have traditionally been focused on textiles, tobacco, and furniture. Their central location in the state has made it a popular place for families and businesses, and it has become more of a logistics hub, with FedEx having regional operations headquarters based in the city. The city has begun to attract new businesses in the nanotech, high-tech, aviation, and transportation and logistics sectors. Greensboro offers many notable attractions, including museums, fine arts performance centers, festivals, and sports leagues. Residents enjoy Greensboro’s picturesque atmosphere and comfortable community.

### Transportation

#### Driving and Parking

The Piedmont Triad boasts a superb transportation infrastructure, creating a convenient distribution hub for commerce in the mid-Atlantic region. Three major interstate highways in the Piedmont region of central North Carolina were built to intersect at this city. It is easy to drive and park around Greensboro.



## Bus

[Greensboro Transit Authority](#) offers 16 routes running Mondays through Saturdays. On Sundays, seven routes are in use. The [GO pass](#) is a transit smart card accepted on all GTA and HEAT buses.

## Train

[Amtrak](#) stops in Greensboro with connections to nationwide cities.

## Airport

[Piedmont Triad International Airport](#) (GSO) is an airport located just west of Greensboro, serving Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem, as well as the entire Piedmont Triad region in North Carolina.



## Registration

### Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you are moving permanently to North Carolina, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first two months here. To change to an North Carolina license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and two utility or phone bills verifying that you are an North Carolina resident, to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pay a small fee, pass written and eye exams, and usually pass a road test.

- For information on how to obtain a driver's license, see the website of [North Carolina's DMV](#).
- [General Information about driver's licenses in NC](#)
- [Special information for drivers from other nations](#)

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.

## Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

The [Guilford County Schools District](#) (GCS) is the third-largest district in North Carolina, serving nearly 72,000 students across 126 schools in urban, suburban and rural areas. But don't let those numbers intimidate you. The district is divided into four regions, each with its own regional superintendent, office and support staff to provide personal attention to the schools.

Because GCS is a larger district, they offer 45 [magnet and choice schools](#) with 54 programs, from Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to performing or visual arts, advanced academics, Spanish immersion, Montessori, health sciences or aviation.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

### Private Schools

There are 34 private schools in Guilford County, NC, serving 8541 students. A complete listing of private schools in the area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools in the area can be viewed [here](#).

### Additional Resources

- [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)
- [www.eschoolprofile.com](http://www.eschoolprofile.com)
- [www.schooltree.org](http://www.schooltree.org)

### Colleges/Universities

[The University of North Carolina at Greensboro](#)



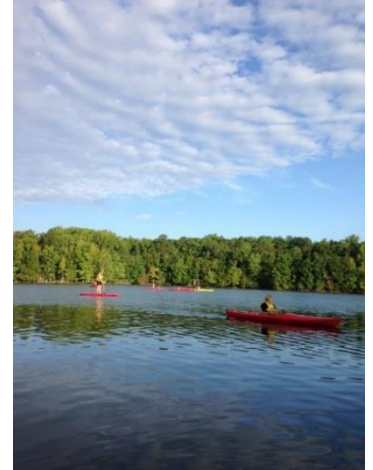
## Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation and Parks

The [Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department](#) provides leisure opportunities through inclusive programs, facilities, parks and open space. Greensboro Parks and Recreation enjoy numerous public and private partnership that have allowed a partnership with Greensboro Beautiful to develop four distinct [botanical gardens](#).

Explore 90-plus miles of [trails and greenways](#) – great for hiking, running, mountain biking, strolling and cycling.

The City of Greensboro provides a variety of recreational activities for the public at [three lakes](#).



### Museums and Culture

[City Arts and Events](#) was founded in 1970 as part of the leisure services provided by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. City Arts and Events includes City Arts, Special Events, and the Greensboro Cultural Center. Classes and showcase opportunities are offered in visual and performing arts for people of all ages. From pottery classes to cultural festivals, from tap dance classes to musical theater performances, and from art camps to orchestras, there is a place for you to Listen, Learn and Perform!

[Greensboro Cultural Center](#) features four levels of galleries, studios, classrooms, performance spaces and rehearsal halls. Also, enjoy special events and rental opportunities at the Price-Bryan Performance Place at LeBauer Park.

Learn about the history of the area at the [Greensboro History Museum](#).

[Greensboro Science Center](#) boasts a 12-acre zoo, an aquarium and a hands-on museum, plus a theatre with a 40-foot screen.



*Greensboro Cultural Center*

[Weatherspoon Art Museum](#), affiliated with The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, offers a collection of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century American art plus exhibitions and events.

Near Greensboro, [Guilford Courthouse National Military Park](#) has displays on the American Revolution.



*Greensboro Science Center*



## Library

With multiple locations to choose, the [Greensboro Library System](#) has access to more than 100 computers, including a computer lab with 12 workstations and free computer training. Each location is home to unique collections, programs, and services, as well as a core collection of reference, current fiction, nonfiction, and children's materials. Meeting spaces are also available.



## Downtown

Discover the lively and fun atmosphere [Downtown Greensboro](#) has to offer. Current Events Calendar [here](#).

## Volunteer

Greensboro Parks and Recreation's volunteer experience offers a wide variety of options for [volunteers](#) of all ages.

