**Facts About Durham**

* About 1650 settlers from Virginia came to the area. They were looking for good farmland.
* Many people moved from rural/farm areas to the cities. There, they have a better chance of getting good jobs.
* The Piedmont region lies between the plains in the east and the mountains in the west. It is mostly flat with gently rolling hills and forests. The soil is good for farming. Most of the state’s rivers start in the Piedmont.
* Durham has a mild climate. Sometimes it snows.
* Durham is located in Durham County, near the center of the state.
* In the Piedmont there is red clay soil, and they grow tobacco there.
* Durham’s main industries are furniture and textiles (clothes).
* Durham is located in the center of North Carolina. North Carolina is in the South East United States. It is bordered by Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina.
* Durham’s latitude and longitude is 35.9886° N, 78.9072° W.
* Durham has 239,358 people. 39.2% are white, are 39.7% black and 13% are Hispanic.
* Durham’s top jobs are construction, heath care, and education.
* Famous buildings in Durham are the DPAC (the Durham Performing Arts Center) and the Durham Bulls Stadium.
* Durham has changed many old tobacco warehouses into shopping centers, restaurants, offices, and apartments. The old tobacco warehouses used to make cigarettes.
* Duke University is a famous school in Durham. North Carolina Central University (NCCU) is there too.
* Durham has public transportation like busses. The Bull City Connector helps people get around Downtown. Many people drive on highways to get to nearby cities. One is Highway 147, which connects to I40. There is also I85 in Durham.
* Durham is near the Falls Lake.