

North Carolina

Local Education Agencies: 115
Charter Schools: 204



2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

Population Spotlight

2010 Census: 9,535,483
2020 Census: 10,439,388
Change: 903,905

Growth Rate

9.5%
State

\$59,616
Median Household Income (2020)

19.3%
Child Poverty Rate (2020)

88%
Households with Broadband (2020)

66%
Home Owners (2020)

79%
Voter Registration Rate (2021)

4.8%
Unemployment Rate (2021)

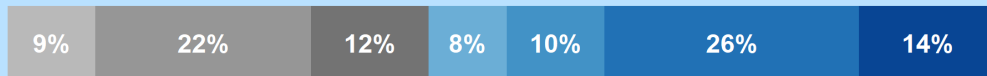
Educational Attainment

North Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2021

■ Less than high school
 ■ High school graduate (including GED)
 ■ Some college, no credential
 ■ Short-term credential
 ■ Associate degree
 ■ Bachelor's degree
 ■ Graduate or professional degree

No Degree
43.0%
1,172,058

Have Degree or Credential
57.0%
1,555,543



Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for North Carolina to improve future attainment outcomes.



Math Performance

Increasing the number of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores in Math is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 37 counties.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

Increasing the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 35 counties.

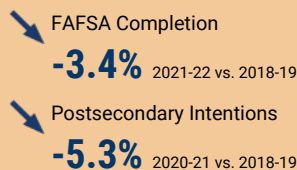
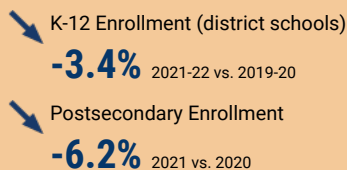


Transition to Postsecondary

Increasing the number of high school seniors enrolling in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 30 counties.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.



Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism



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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in North Carolina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year North Carolina needs:

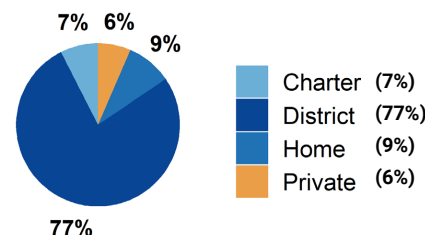
- 51% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**; 14,245 more needed to meet state goal of 75% . 2022
- 29% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**; 278,954 more needed to meet state goal of 73% . 2022
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 339,640 more needed to meet state goal of 86% . 2022
- 87% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 8,667 more needed to meet state goal of 95% . 2021
- 27% of students are **chronically absent from school**; 213,622 less needed to meet state goal of 11% . 2021

North Carolina has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 321:1. 2021

School Choice

1,779,410 total students were enrolled in K-12 in North Carolina in the 2021-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



Career and College Preparation

67,484 high school students took at least one AP course (16%) (2021).

32,458 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (32%) (2021).

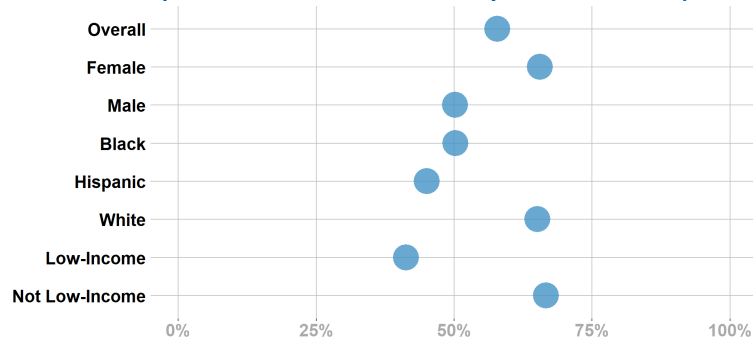
Students in North Carolina completed 53,728 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 58% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2022; 20,839 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80% . 2022
<https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/>
- 75% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution. 2021
- 55% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2021

49% of North Carolina students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year).

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Carolina, 2021



Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Success of North Carolina High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 45% of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
- 14% of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
- 40% of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
- <5% of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
- 90% of college-goers attended an **in-state college**
- 77% of students who enroll **persist to their second year**. 2021
- 59% of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years. 2021

Adult Learners

North Carolina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 26,988** Basic Skills
- 131,916** Continuing Education
- 208,573** Curriculum



16% of North Carolina residents have **student loan debt**; 10% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2020

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In North Carolina:

83.9%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are **aligned with labor market needs**.

Top areas of misalignment:

- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** (below bachelor's)
- Health Science** (below bachelor's)
- Business Management & Administration** (bachelor's)

15,898 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 84,346** graduates in 2020
- 69%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- \$43,833** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

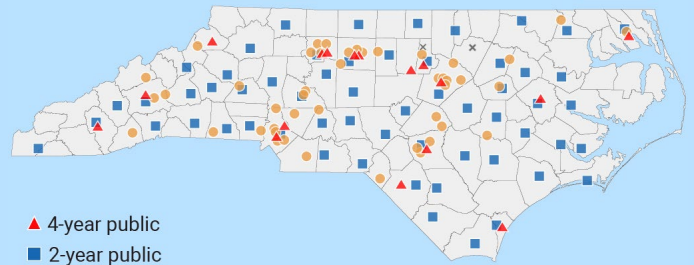
In 2021 NC Workforce Development Boards served:

- 215,964** in Basic Services
- 102,436** in Career Services
- 9,883** in Education Services



12.1% of young adults ages 16-24 in North Carolina were **not working and not in school**. 2021

Postsecondary assets in North Carolina

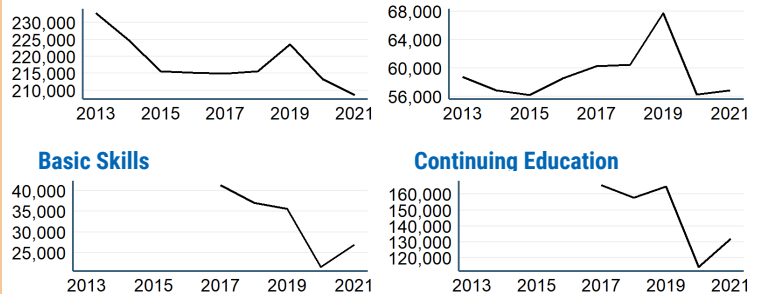


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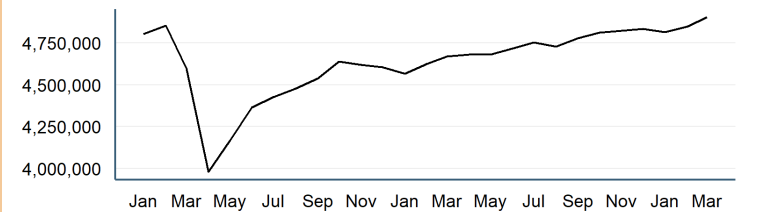
Degree Credentials Awarded, 2021

36,522 certificate | **33,633** associate | **59,203** bachelor's

Impact of Covid-19 on Postsecondary & Employment



Number of North Carolina residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022



Promising Attainment Practices

The new **Promising Attainment Practices Database** is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state's attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how North Carolina has been meeting local needs:

<https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/>

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

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