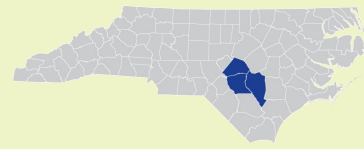


Mid-Carolina

Council of Governments

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Regional Council Attainment Goal: 80,623

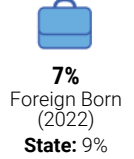
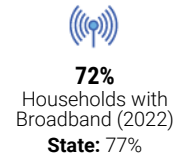
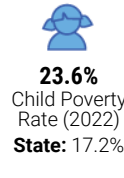


Counties in Council of Governments:
Cumberland, Harnett, Sampson

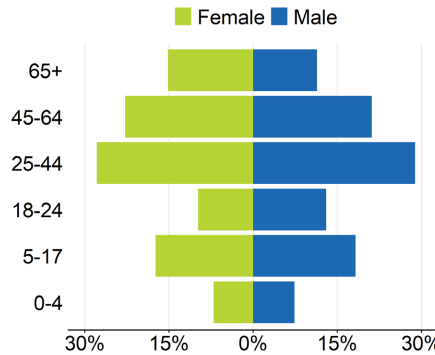
Population Spotlight

Growth Rate: Council of Governments: 1.4% vs. State: 2.5%

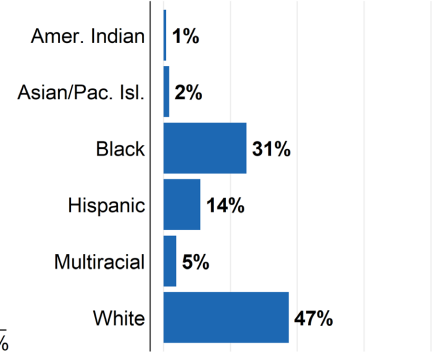
County	2020	2022	Change
North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Cumberland County	334,728	336,699	1,971
Harnett County	133,554	138,832	5,278
Sampson County	59,040	59,120	80



Age Structure, 2022



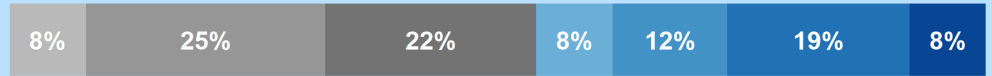
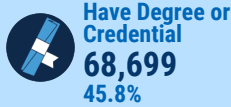
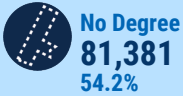
Race/Ethnicity, 2022



Educational Attainment

Mid-Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2022

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



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Mid-Carolina Council of Governments:

1,765 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

3,862 graduates in 2020

50% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$37,696 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

43% of adults (ages 25-44) in Mid-Carolina earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

Total Jobs	168,171
Business Establishments	11,177
Employed	201,575
Unemployed	9,849
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$952
Median Household Income	\$55,827

Top Industries in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	28,845	\$1,205
Retail Trade	23,861	\$719
Accommodation and Food Services	18,768	\$365
Public Administration	16,355	\$1,245
Educational Services	14,845	\$948

Top Job Sectors in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	122,019	\$855
Local Government	26,039	\$1,030
Federal Government	15,466	\$1,560
State Government	4,647	\$1,056

Success of Mid-Carolina High School Graduates

- **80%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **83%** for the state. 2022
- **51%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **59%** for the state. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- **12,410** of all college-goers attended **Fayetteville TCC**
- **2,982** of all college-goers attended **Central Carolina CC**
- **2,637** of all college-goers attended **Sampson CC**

Adult Learners

Mid-Carolina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 843** Basic Skills
- 7,425** Continuing Education
- 4,134** Curriculum

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

2,241 certificate | **2,110** associate | **2,314** bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

Public, 4-year or above

Fayetteville State University

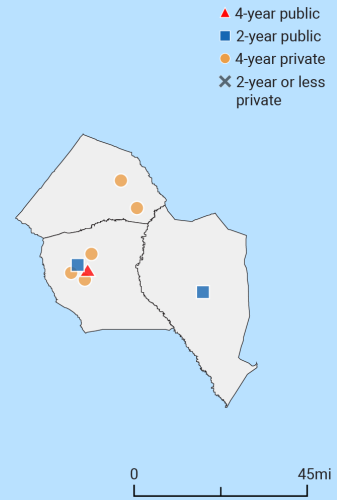
Public, 2-year

Fayetteville Technical Community College, Sampson Community College

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

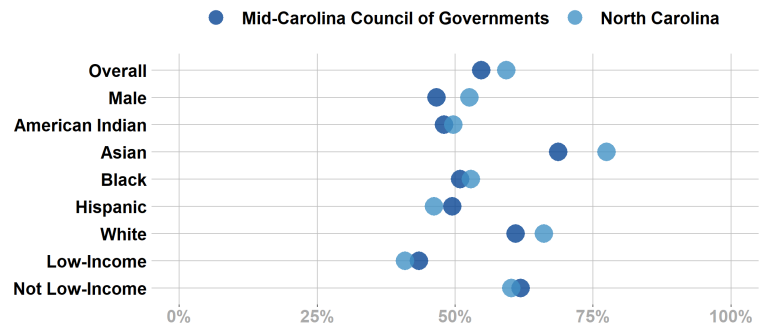
Campbell University, Carolina College of Biblical Studies, Heritage Bible College, Manna University, Methodist University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



- **63%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 864 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **78%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **74%** in the state. 2022
- **53%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **58%** in the state. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Mid-Carolina, 2022



Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

How students in Mid-Carolina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Mid-Carolina needs:

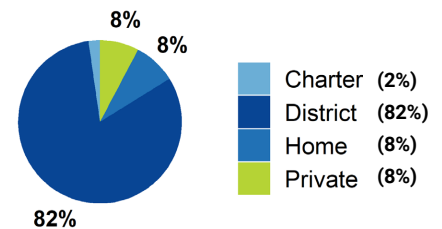
- **45%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 1,280 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023
- **26%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 17,053 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **26%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 21,868 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **86%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 572 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **33%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 18,905 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023

2% of students **drop out of high school** (530 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

School Choice

96,099 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Mid-Carolina in the 2022-23 school year.

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



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Mid-Carolina completed **28,092 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (4,842 (17%) were industry-valued credentials) and 4,092 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

2,283 high school students took at least one **AP test (12%)** versus **16%** in the state (2023).

1,895 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (34%)** versus **36%** in the state (2023).

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/