

North Carolina



Local Education Agencies: 115 (2023)
Charter Schools: 206 (2023)
Home Schools: 94,154 (2023)
Private Schools: 884 (2023)

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 10,439,414
 2022 Estimate: 10,698,973
 Change: 259,559

Growth Rate

2.5%
 State



\$67,516
 Median Household Income (2022)



67%
 Home Owners (2022)



17.2%
 Child Poverty Rate (2022)



10.9%
 Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)



77%
 Households with Broadband (2022)



3.7%
 Unemployment Rate (2022)

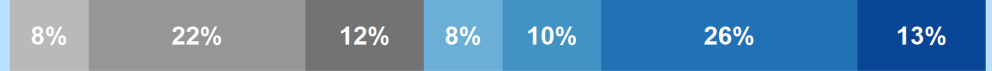
Educational Attainment

North 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

No Degree
1,193,945
 42.6%

Have Degree or Credential
1,608,100
 57.4%



Note: Numbers may not add up to 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 42 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 38 counties.



FAFSA Completion

Increasing the number of high school seniors completing the FAFSA is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 37 counties.

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>

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In North Carolina:

82.3%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor's

15,898 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

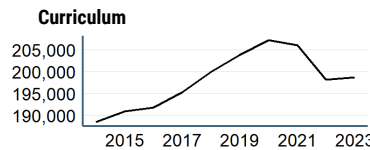
84,346 graduates in 2020

69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

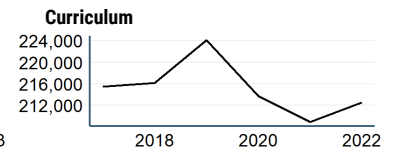
\$43,833 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

54% of adults (ages 25-44) in North Carolina earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

UNC System College Enrollment



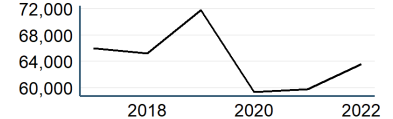
NC Community College Enrollment



Top 3 Five-Star Jobs

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Statisticians	4%
Data Scientists	4%

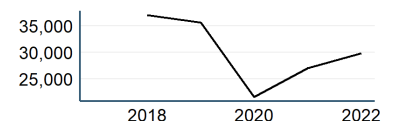
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



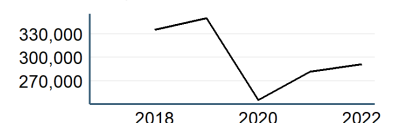
Top 3 Employers in North Carolina

Employer	Employment Range
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.	1000+
Duke University	1000+
Food Lion	1000+

Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

North Carolina post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 13,928 Basic Skills
- 143,957 Continuing Education
- 47,719 Curriculum

15% of North Carolina residents have **student loan debt**; 8% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of North Carolina High School Graduates

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

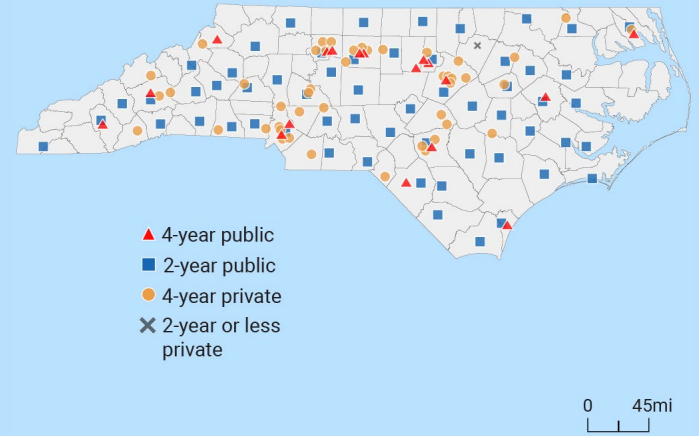
Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 32,533 of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- 25,810 of all college-goers attended **Central Piedmont CC**
- 16,044 of all college-goers attended **Fayetteville TCC**

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

32,607 certificate | 32,545 associate | 58,280 bachelor's

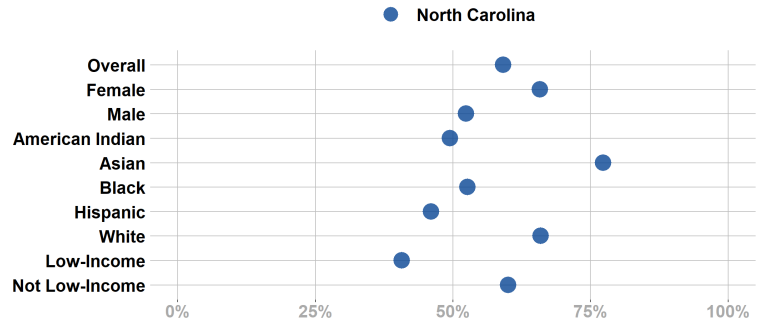
Postsecondary assets in North Carolina



- 62% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023; 17,391 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- 74% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- 58% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2022

45% of North Carolina students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year).

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Carolina, 2022



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

How students in North Carolina traditional schools are doing:

- 53% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**; 10,914 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023
- 30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**; 348,284 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- 35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 319,895 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- 87% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 9,285 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- 27% of students are **chronically absent from school**; 238,382 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023

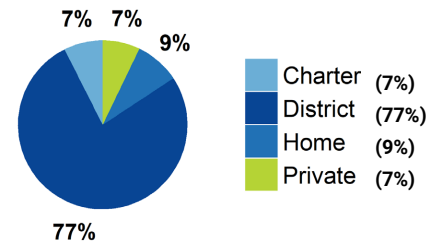
North Carolina has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **316:1**. 2023

2% of students **drop out of high school** (9,531 total students). 2023

School Choice

1,778,322 total students were enrolled in K-12 in North 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 North Carolina completed **325,307 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (65,583 (20%) were industry-valued credentials)** and **67,142 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

69,386 high school students took at least one **AP test (16%)** (2023).

36,251 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (36%)** (2023).

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

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