# **North Central**

# **Prosperity Zone**

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles 2030 Proposed North Central Attainment Goal: 565,898



#### North Central PZ Served By:

Kerr-Tar, Mid-Carolina, Central Pines, and Coastal Plain Councils of Governments

Capital Area, Durham, Kerr-Tar, Mid-Carolina, and Turning Point Workforce Development Boards

## **Population Spotlight**

Growth Rate Prosperity Zone: 3.6% VS. State: 2.5%

County	2020	2022	Change
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North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Chatham County	76,270	79,864	3,594
Durham County	324,849	332,680	7,831
Edgecombe County	48,897	48,301	-596
Franklin County	68,578	74,539	5,961
Granville County	61,001	61,903	902
Harnett County	133,554	138,832	5,278
Johnston County	215,991	234,778	18,787
Lee County	63,281	65,476	2,195
Nash County	94,967	95,789	822
Orange County	148,707	150,477	1,770
Person County	39,093	39,386	293
Vance County	42,570	42,138	-432
Wake County	1,129,393	1,175,021	45,628
Warren County	18,642	18,713	71
Wilson County	78,786	78,449	-337



**14.7%**Child Poverty
Rate (2022) **State:** 17.2%



10.1% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022) State: 10.9%

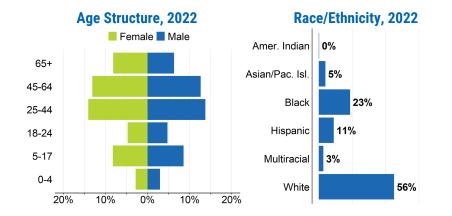


77%
Households with
Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



11% Foreign Born (2022)

State: 9%

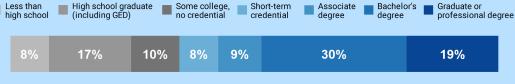


#### **Educational Attainment**

North Central residents ages 25-44, 2022







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

## **In North Central Prosperity Zone:**

77.3%

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 **Information Technology** bachelor's

**5,644** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

## **UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**

20,276 graduates in 2020

66% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$49,287 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)



**60%** of adults (ages 25-44) in North Central earned a **family sustaining wage,** 2022

## **Top Industries in North Central PZ**

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	169,341	\$1,251
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	124,095	\$2,078
Retail Trade	119,369	\$732
Accommodation and Food Services	105,030	\$482
Manufacturing	96,255	\$1,766

## **Top Job Sectors in North Central PZ**

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	1,041,302	\$1,339
Local Government	89,632	\$1,027
State Government	85,514	\$1,345
Federal Government	15,220	\$1,842





16,833 bachelor's

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## **Success of North Central High School Graduates**

- 86% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 83%
- 64% 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

- 30,207 of all college-goers attended Wake TCC
- 8.365 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 7,797 of all college-goers attended Central Carolina CC

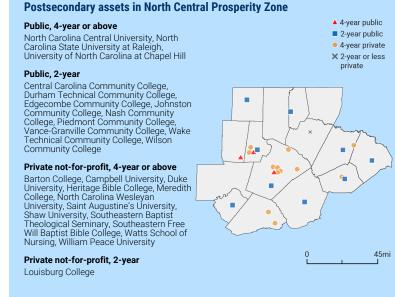
#### Adult Learners

North Central resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

3,569 Basic Skills

34,443 Continuing Education

**10,914** Curriculum



6.452 associate

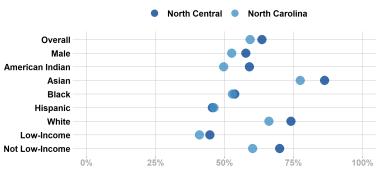
**Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022** 

6.035 certificate

## • 64% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 3,950 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of

- 86% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 74% in the state. 2022
- 62% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 58% in the state, 2022

## Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Central, 2022



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

#### How students in North Central traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year North Central needs:

- 44% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 3,306 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 34% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 58,906 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 38% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 73,535 more needed to meet state goal of 86%, 2023
- 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 2,003 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 26% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 53,340 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

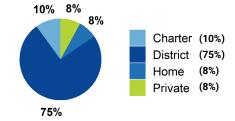


2% of students drop out of high school (2,233 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

# **School Choice**

450,352 total students were enrolled in K-12 in North Central 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 Central completed 68,104 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (16,654 (24%) were industry-valued credentials) and 16,150 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



24,435 high school students took at least one AP test (23%) versus 16% in the state (2023).



6,650 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (26%) 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/





