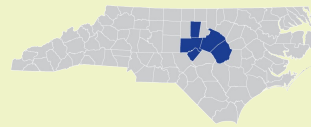


# Capital Area

## Workforce Development Board

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Capital Area Attainment Goal: 399,049



Counties in WDB:

Chatham, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Wake

### Population Spotlight

Growth Rate: WDB: 4.4% vs. State: 2.5%

County	2020	2022	Change
North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Chatham County	76,270	79,864	3,594
Johnston County	215,991	234,778	18,787
Lee County	63,281	65,476	2,195
Orange County	148,707	150,477	1,770
Wake County	1,129,393	1,175,021	45,628



**11.2%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%



**8.1%**  
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)  
State: 10.9%

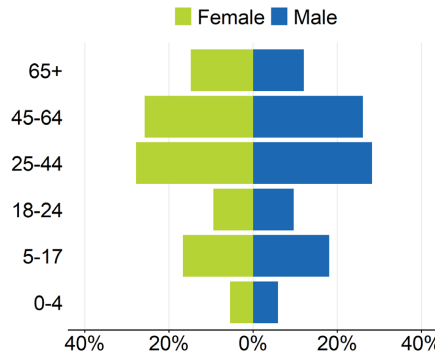


**81%**  
Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%

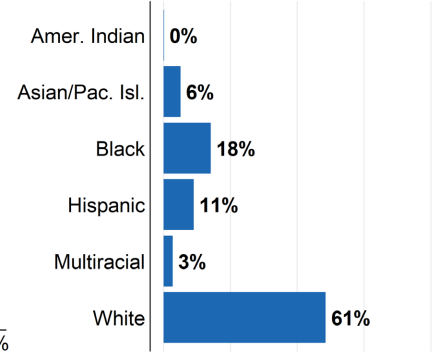


**12%**  
Foreign Born (2022)  
State: 9%

### Age Structure, 2022



### Race/Ethnicity, 2022



### Educational Attainment

Capital Area 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**  
133,774  
29.2%



**Have Degree or Credential**  
325,115  
70.8%



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

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### In Capital Area WDB:

**5,095** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

#### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 16,560** graduates in 2020
- 63%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- \$52,022** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

**65%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Capital Area earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

### Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

Total Jobs	818,961
Business Establishments	64,011
Employed	856,860
Unemployed	27,622
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,315
Median Household Income	\$90,358

### Top Industries in Capital Area WDB:

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	103,581	\$1,244
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	84,976	\$2,042
Retail Trade	82,603	\$750
Educational Services	80,625	\$1,202
Accommodation and Food Services	73,602	\$492

### Top Job Sectors in Capital Area WDB:

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	684,012	\$1,325
State Government	72,986	\$1,393
Local Government	55,087	\$1,033
Federal Government	6,875	\$1,682

### Success of Capital Area High School Graduates

- **88%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **83%** for the state. 2022
- **68%** 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

- **26,888** of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- **5,948** of all college-goers attended **Johnston CC**
- **5,098** of all college-goers attended **Central Carolina CC**

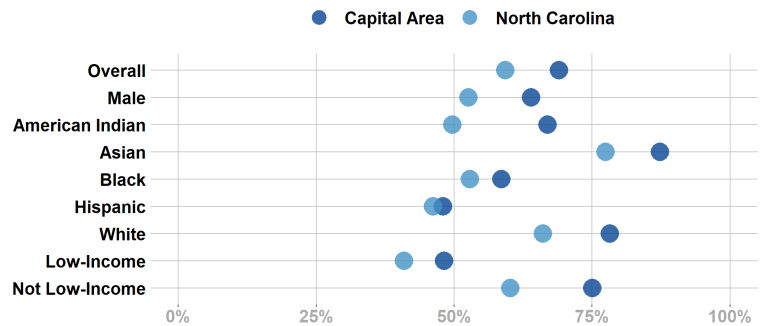
### Adult Learners

#### Capital Area resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 2,446** Basic Skills
- 21,562** Continuing Education
- 6,822** Curriculum

- **65%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 2,573 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **90%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **74%** in the state. 2022
- **67%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **58%** in the state. 2022

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Capital Area WDB, 2022



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

### How students in Capital Area traditional schools are currently doing:

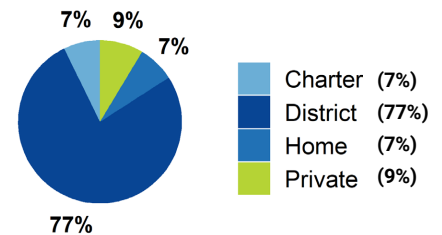
To meet state goals, each year Capital Area needs:

- **44%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 1,627 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023
- **39%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 35,142 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **44%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 44,268 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **90%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 947 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **22%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 27,994 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023
- **1%** of students **drop out of high school** (1,168 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

### School Choice

300,175 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Capital Area in the 2022-23 school year.

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



### Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Capital Area completed **42,870 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (12,990 (30%) were industry-valued credentials) and 11,667 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Human Services; and Health Science.

**20,453 high school students** took at least one **AP test (27%)** versus **16%** in the state (2023).

**4,255 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (23%)** 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/](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/)