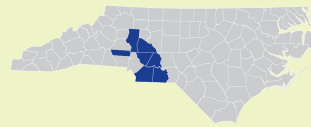


# Centralina

## Workforce Development Board

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Centralina Attainment Goal: 188,724



### Counties in WDB:

Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, Union

## Population Spotlight

Growth Rate: WDB: 4.2% vs. State: 2.5%

County	2020	2022	Change
North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Anson County	22,052	22,202	150
Cabarrus County	225,807	235,797	9,990
Iredell County	186,699	195,897	9,198
Lincoln County	86,816	93,095	6,279
Rowan County	146,878	149,645	2,767
Stanly County	62,506	64,153	1,647
Union County	238,233	249,070	10,837



**13.8%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%



**12.5%**  
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)  
State: 10.9%

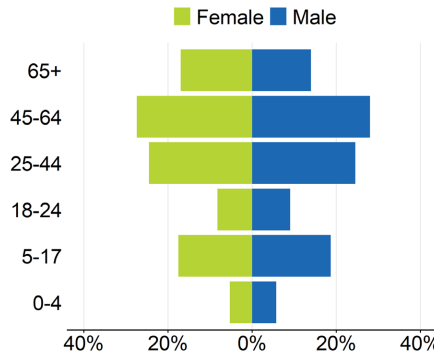


**77%**  
Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%

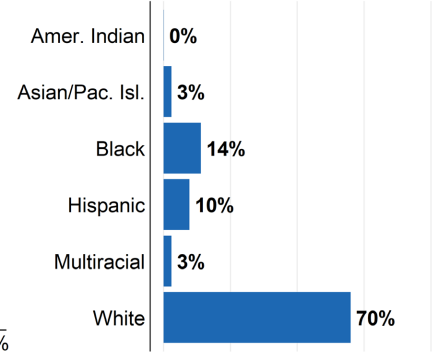


**8%**  
Foreign Born (2022)  
State: 9%

### Age Structure, 2022



### Race/Ethnicity, 2022



## Educational Attainment

Centralina residents ages 25-44, 2022

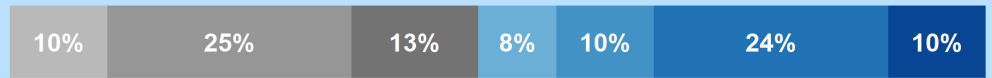
■ Less than high school
 ■ High school graduate (including GED)
 ■ Some college, no credential
 ■ Short-term credential
 ■ Associate degree
 ■ Bachelor's degree
 ■ Graduate or professional degree



**No Degree**  
113,990  
47.7%



**Have Degree or Credential**  
124,967  
52.3%



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

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### In Centralina WDB:

**714** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**3,418** graduates in 2020

**78%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

**\$38,283** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)



**56%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Centralina earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

Total Jobs	345,546
Business Establishments	29,012
Employed	479,546
Unemployed	16,605
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,068
Median Household Income	\$77,621

### Top Industries in Centralina WDB:

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Manufacturing	47,149	\$1,198
Retail Trade	46,620	\$716
Health Care and Social Assistance	38,811	\$1,131
Accommodation and Food Services	35,185	\$407
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	19,532	\$920

### Top Job Sectors in Centralina WDB:

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	294,175	\$1,066
Local Government	42,383	\$1,051
State Government	5,249	\$942
Federal Government	3,739	\$1,563

### Success of Centralina High School Graduates

- **82%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **83%** for the state. 2022
- **63%** 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

- **10,011** of all college-goers attended **Rowan-Cabarrus CC**
- **4,671** of all college-goers attended **Mitchell CC**
- **4,535** of all college-goers attended **South Piedmont CC**

### Adult Learners

#### Centralina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 672** Basic Skills
- 11,782** Continuing Education
- 2,500** Curriculum

- **61%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 2,107 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **79%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **74%** in the state. 2022
- **59%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **58%** in the state. 2022

### How students in Centralina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Centralina needs:

- **51%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 935 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; 26,188 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **41%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 30,181 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **89%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 697 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **23%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 19,455 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023
- **2%** of students **drop out of high school** (941 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

**2,056** certificate | **2,002** associate | **1,228** bachelor's

### Postsecondary assets in Centralina Workforce Dev Board:

#### Public, 4-year or above

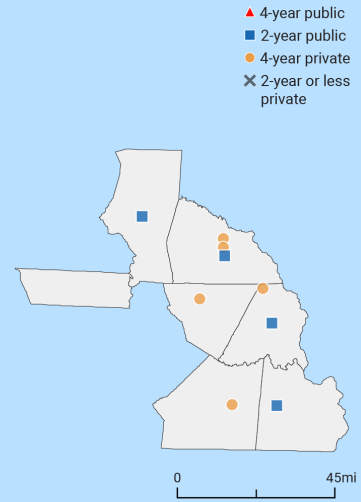
#### Public, 2-year

Mitchell Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Stanly Community College

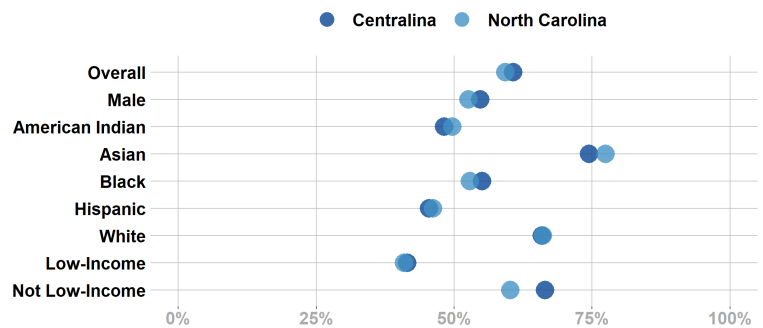
#### Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Livingstone College, Pfeiffer University, Wingate University

#### Private not-for-profit, 2-year



### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Centralina WDB, 2022

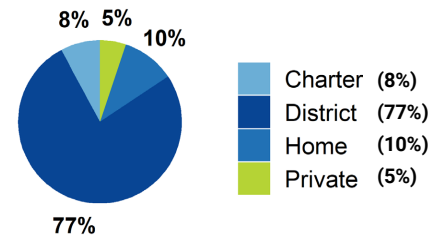


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

### School Choice

193,345 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Centralina in the 2022-23 school year.

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



### Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Centralina completed **35,686 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (8,659 (24%) were industry-valued credentials) and 7,345 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



**7,931 high school students** took at least one **AP test (16%)** versus **16%** in the state (2023).



**5,199 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (45%)** versus **36%** in the state (2023).

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

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