

# Central Pines

## Council of Governments (COG)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



### Counties in Council of Governments:

Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, and Wake Counties

### Educational Attainment

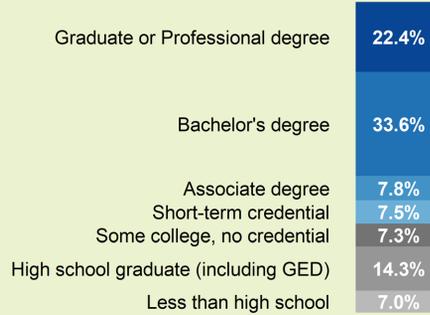
Central Pines COG residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
427,989  
71.4%

**No Degree**  
171,756  
28.6%

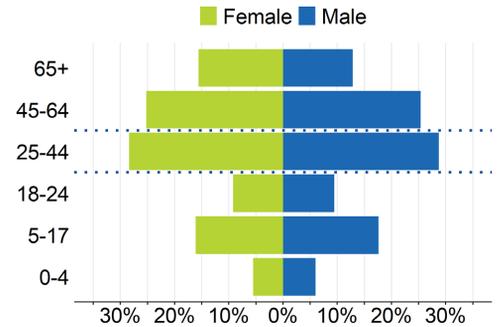
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
599,745

### Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

### Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Central Pines Attainment Goal: 491,423

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

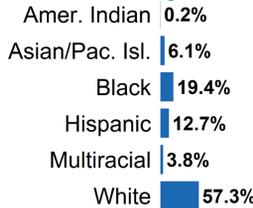
### Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 2,058,194  
2023 Estimate: 2,175,329  
Change: 117,135

### Growth Rate

5.7% vs. 3.8%  
County vs. State

### Race/Ethnicity, 2023



**\$96,410**  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838



**65.4%**  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%



**81.6%**  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%



**12.0%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%



**14.6%**  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%



**13.1%**  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### In Central Pines :

**2,701** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**19,084** graduates in 2020  
**64.4%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
**\$50,321** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

**64.6%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Central Pines earned a **family sustaining wage**. State: 57.6%, 2023

**8.6%** of youth (ages 16-24) in Central Pines were **Opportunity Youth**. State: 10.3%, 2023

**86.1%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Central Pines **participated in the labor force**. State: 84.2%, 2023

### Central Pines Labor Force Snapshot, 2024 Q2

Total Jobs	1,117,832	Business Establishments	81,243
Employed	1,113,532	Unemployed	41,725
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,445		

### Top Industries in Central Pines , 2024 Q2

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	162,746	\$1,340
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	121,775	\$2,294
Educational Services	119,029	\$1,370
Retail Trade	103,071	\$767
Accommodation and Food Services	98,003	\$503

### Top Job Sectors in Central Pines , 2024 Q2

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	949,369	\$1,467
State Government	82,760	\$1,414
Local Government	71,890	\$1,085
Federal Government	13,813	\$1,953

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

### Degree Credentials Awarded in Central Pines , 2023

4,963 certificate | 5,372 associate | 15,752 bachelor's

### Adult Learners

Central Pines Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

4,080 Basic Skills  
14,955 Continuing Education  
9,908 Curriculum

7.3% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

### Success of Central Pines High School Graduates

88.4% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

95.0% UNC | 77.1% NCCCS | 87.4% NCICU

66.1% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

41.7% UNC | 9.9% NCCCS | 5.5% NCICU

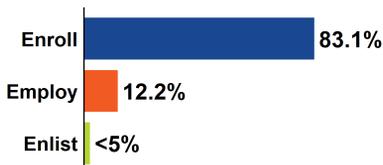
### Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 30,091 of all college-goers attended Wake TCC
- 9,584 of all college-goers attended NC State
- 8,226 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

57.5% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 4,760 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

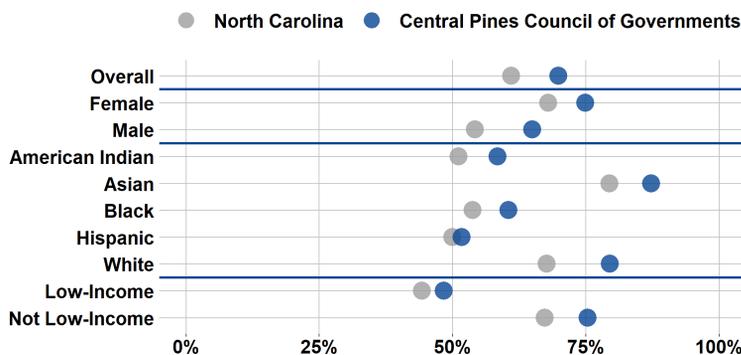
### Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



89.8% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 1,241 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

68.1% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. State: 59.3% 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in COG, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

42.4% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 2,474 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

### Central Pines Traditional Public Schools students:

38.7% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 58,762 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

44.2% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 35,700 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

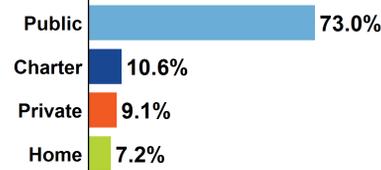
22.8% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 34,467 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

1.8% of students drop out of high school (1,698 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

### School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 8  
Traditional Public School(s): 392  
Charter School(s): 56  
Private School(s): 173  
Home School(s): 16,710

378,005 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 49,270 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 13,316 concentrations. 13,975 (28.4%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

23,980 (26.7%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

5,897 (26.6%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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

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