

# Mid-Carolina

## Council of Governments (COG)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



**Counties in Council of Governments:**  
Cumberland, Harnett, and Sampson Counties

### Educational Attainment

Mid-Carolina COG residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
**70,695**  
46.6%

**No Degree**  
**80,959**  
53.4%

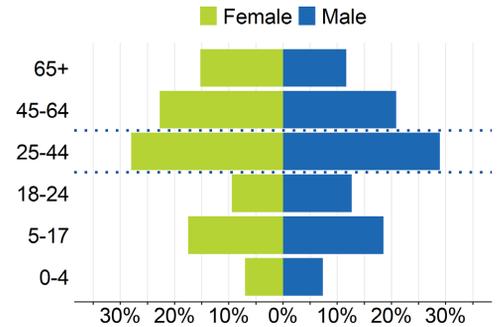
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
**151,654**

### Educational Level Breakdown, 2023

Graduate or Professional degree	8.0%
Bachelor's degree	19.1%
Associate degree	12.0%
Short-term credential	7.5%
Some college, no credential	21.5%
High school graduate (including GED)	24.4%
Less than high school	7.5%

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

### Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Mid-Carolina Attainment Goal: 80,623

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

### Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 527,346  
2023 Estimate: 538,968  
Change: 11,622

**Growth Rate**  
**2.2%** vs. **3.8%**  
**County** vs. **State**

### Race/Ethnicity, 2023

Amer. Indian	1%
Asian/Pac. Isl.	2.2%
Black	31%
Hispanic	13.9%
Multiracial	4.9%
White	46.3%

**\$58,550**  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838

**59.6%**  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%

**74.1%**  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%

**23.3%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%

**20.2%**  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%

**7.0%**  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### In Mid-Carolina :

**1,651** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

#### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**3,862** graduates in 2020  
**49.6%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
**\$37,696** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

**43.0%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Mid-Carolina earned a **family sustaining wage**. State: 57.6%, 2023

**12.4%** of youth (ages 16-24) in Mid-Carolina were **Opportunity Youth**. State: 10.3%, 2023

**80.6%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Mid-Carolina **participated in the labor force**. State: 84.2%, 2023

### Mid-Carolina Labor Force Snapshot, 2024 Q2

Total Jobs	<b>168,178</b>	Business Establishments	<b>11,127</b>
Employed	<b>204,174</b>	Unemployed	<b>10,928</b>
Avg. Weekly Wage	<b>\$996</b>		

### Top Industries in Mid-Carolina , 2024 Q2

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	<b>29,899</b>	<b>\$1,168</b>
Retail Trade	<b>23,647</b>	<b>\$667</b>
Accommodation and Food Services	<b>18,740</b>	<b>\$385</b>
Public Administration	<b>16,931</b>	<b>\$1,367</b>
Educational Services	<b>14,655</b>	<b>\$983</b>

### Top Job Sectors in Mid-Carolina , 2024 Q2

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	<b>121,224</b>	<b>\$888</b>
Local Government	<b>26,594</b>	<b>\$1,104</b>
Federal Government	<b>15,706</b>	<b>\$1,606</b>
State Government	<b>4,655</b>	<b>\$1,137</b>

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

### Degree Credentials Awarded in Mid-Carolina , 2023

1,241 certificate | 1,835 associate | 2,160 bachelor's

### Adult Learners

Mid-Carolina Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

1,244 Basic Skills  
6,069 Continuing Education  
4,765 Curriculum

21.5% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

### Success of Mid-Carolina High School Graduates

81.0% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

90.5% UNC | 71.0% NCCCS | 78.8% NCICU

52.4% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

28.6% UNC | 11.1% NCCCS | 5.7% NCICU

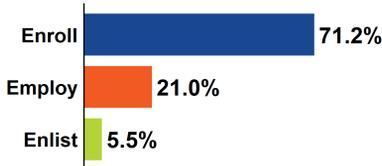
### Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 13,381 of all college-goers attended Fayetteville TCC
- 2,864 of all college-goers attended Sampson CC
- 2,825 of all college-goers attended Central Carolina CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

56.5% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 1,183 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

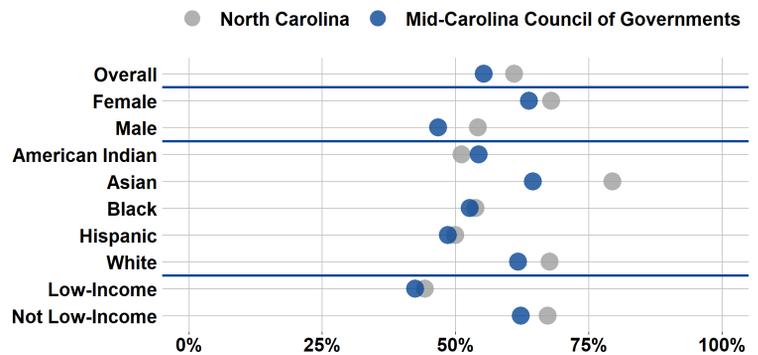
### Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



84.8% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 644 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

53.6% 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

53.2% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 873 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

### Mid-Carolina Traditional Public Schools students:

26.0% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 21,346 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

27.7% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 16,104 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

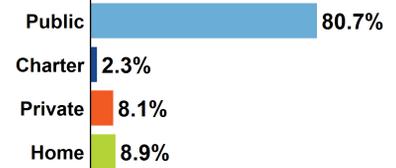
31.4% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 17,169 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

2.1% of students drop out of high school (530 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

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

Traditional Public School District(s): 4  
Traditional Public School(s): 138  
Charter School(s): 4  
Private School(s): 43  
Home School(s): 5,092

96,712 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 28,092 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 4,092 concentrations. 4,842 (17.2%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

2,895 (12.4%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

2,014 (36.1%) 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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