

Piedmont Triad Regional Council

Council of Governments (COG)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Counties in Council of Governments:

Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties

Educational Attainment

Piedmont Triad Regional Council COG residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
217,267
50.5%

No Degree
212,831
49.5%

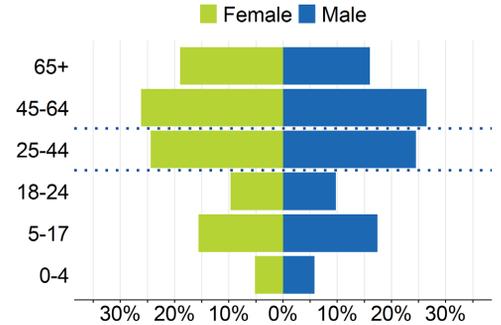
Residents Ages 25-44
430,098

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023

Graduate or Professional degree	11.0%
Bachelor's degree	21.5%
Associate degree	10.5%
Short-term credential	7.5%
Some college, no credential	14.5%
High school graduate (including GED)	24.7%
Less than high school	10.3%

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

Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Piedmont Triad Regional Council Attainment Goal: 304,243

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 1,743,820
2023 Estimate: 1,784,991
Change: 41,171

Growth Rate

2.4% County vs. 3.8% State

Race/Ethnicity, 2023

Amer. Indian	0.2%
Asian/Pac. Isl.	2.6%
Black	21.1%
Hispanic	11.4%
Multiracial	3.5%
White	60.8%



\$64,902
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



66.5%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



74.2%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



21.0%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



18.4%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



8.3%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

In Piedmont Triad Regional Council:

3,979 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

13,669 graduates in 2020
74.0% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$42,042 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

47.7% of adults (ages 25-44) in Piedmont Triad Regional Council earned a **family sustaining wage**. State: 57.6%, 2023

11.6% of youth (ages 16-24) in Piedmont Triad Regional Council were **Opportunity Youth**. State: 10.3%, 2023

83.4% of adults (ages 25-44) in Piedmont Triad Regional Council **participated in the labor force**. State: 84.2%, 2023

Piedmont Triad Regional Council Labor Force Snapshot, 2024 Q2

Total Jobs	735,109	Business Establishments	47,534
Employed	797,606	Unemployed	36,522
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,082		

Top Industries in Piedmont Triad Regional Council, 2024 Q2

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	115,026	\$1,151
Manufacturing	97,236	\$1,287
Retail Trade	86,953	\$720
Accommodation and Food Services	71,220	\$441
Educational Services	57,307	\$1,147

Top Job Sectors in Piedmont Triad Regional Council, 2024 Q2

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	648,830	\$1,085
Local Government	62,238	\$997
State Government	16,930	\$1,107
Federal Government	7,110	\$1,437

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Degree Credentials Awarded in Piedmont Triad Regional Council, 2023

4,527 certificate | 5,162 associate | 10,970 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Piedmont Triad Regional Council Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

3,766 Basic Skills
16,768 Continuing Education
9,761 Curriculum

14.5% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

Success of Piedmont Triad Regional Council High School Graduates

82.6% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

91.6% UNC | 70.1% NCCCS | 85.9% NCICU

59.9% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

35.9% UNC | 12.4% NCCCS | 6.0% NCICU

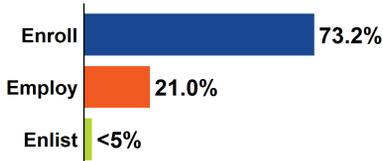
Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 15,275 of all college-goers attended Guilford TCC
- 12,685 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 6,603 of all college-goers attended Davidson-Davie CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

56.6% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 3,708 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

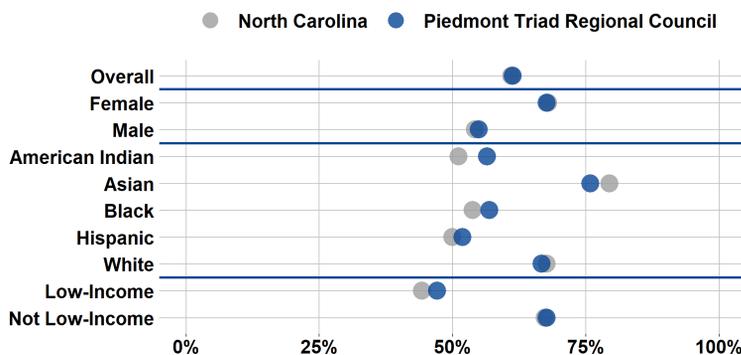
Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



88.0% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 1,307 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

59.6% 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

54.9% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 1,943 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

Piedmont Triad Regional Council Traditional Public Schools students:

26.2% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 60,526 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

32.4% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 41,039 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

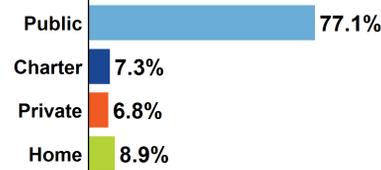
28.2% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 40,733 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

2.2% of students drop out of high school (1,702 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 17
Traditional Public School(s): 440
Charter School(s): 28
Private School(s): 133
Home School(s): 15,744

290,026 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 55,085 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 10,898 concentrations. 10,106 (18.3%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Human Services; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

12,137 (17.1%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

5,575 (32.7%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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