

Cabarrus County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Charlotte
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban

Educational Attainment

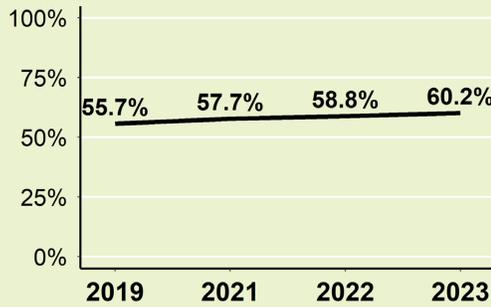
Cabarrus County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
37,803
60.2%

No Degree
24,978
39.8%

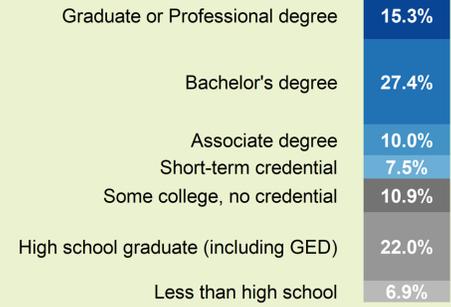
Residents Ages 25-44
62,781

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

2030 Proposed Cabarrus County Attainment Goal: 49,862 (Stretch Goal: 50,188)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

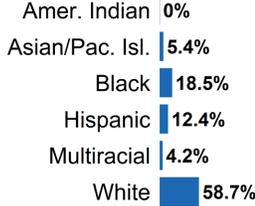
Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 225,791
2023 Estimate: 240,016
Change: 14,225

Growth Rate

6.3% County vs. 3.8% State

Race/Ethnicity



\$85,540
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838

72.1%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%

77.3%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%

11.8%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%

16.2%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%

9.8%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Opportunity Youth

14% of Cabarrus County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the suburban county average of 11%.

In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

79.7%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top Misalignments

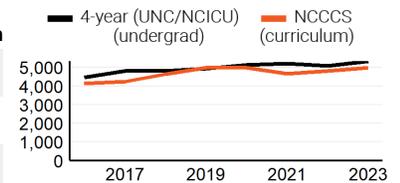
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- **Education & Training** Jobs < Creds
- **Business Management & Administration** Jobs > Creds
- **Health Science** Jobs > Creds

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4.48%
Data Scientists	3.83%
Logisticians	3.62%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Cabarrus County Residents



517 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

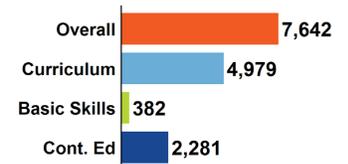
UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

12,495 graduates in 2020
74.0% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$45,387 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

Top 3 Employers in Cabarrus County

Employer	Employment Range
Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital	1000+
Cabarrus County Schools	1000+
Amazoncom Services Inc	1000+

Cabarrus County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Top 3 industries in Cabarrus County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Retail Trade	12,774 14.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,541 13.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	11,334 13.0%

Cabarrus County is served by:

- Centralina Workforce Development Board
- Centralina Regional Council

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

60.7% of adults (ages 25-44) in Cabarrus County earned a **family sustaining wage**. Peer: 51.8% | State: 57.6%, 2023

14.0% of youth (ages 16-24) in Cabarrus County were **Opportunity Youth**. Peer: 11.2% | State: 10.3%, 2023

87.8% of adults (ages 25-44) in Cabarrus County **participated in the labor force**. Peer: 83.4% | State: 84.2%, 2023

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Postsecondary Completion

60% of Cabarrus County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the suburban county average of 61%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

4,911 certificate | 5,727 associate | 8,744 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Cabarrus County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

209 Basic Skills
2,066 Continuing Education
1,014 Curriculum

10.9% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.1% | State: 11.7%, 2023



16.9% of Cabarrus County residents have student loan debt, 1.2% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2024

Success of Cabarrus County High School Graduates

83.7% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 83.9% | State: 83.8%, 2023

94.0% UNC | 66.7% NCCCS | 86.3% NCICU

60.4% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 61.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

36.1% UNC | 9.6% NCCCS | 6.2% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 5,444 of all college-goers attended Rowan-Cabarrus CC
- 1,515 of all college-goers attended UNC Charlotte
- 1,340 of all college-goers attended Central Piedmont CC

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Top Opportunities for Growth

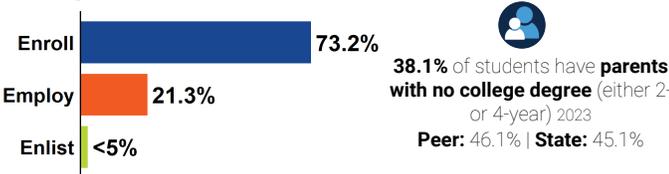


FAFSA Completion

58% of Cabarrus County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the state goal of 80%.

57.7% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 613 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 55.0% | State: 55.0%

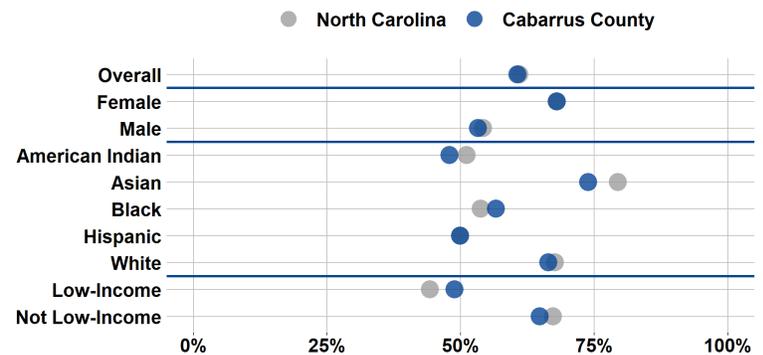
Post High School Graduation Intentions



89.3% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 189 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 88.5% | State: 87.3% 2024

58.9% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 58.8% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Cabarrus County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



NC Pre-K Enrollment

39% of Cabarrus County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the suburban county average of 46%.

38.7% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 328 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 46.5% | State: 57.2%

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Cabarrus County Traditional Public Schools students:

35.0% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 6,969 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 30.8% | State: 29.8%

43.1% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 7,872 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 37.8% | State: 36.5%

19.5% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 3,623 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 23.7% | State: 25.7%

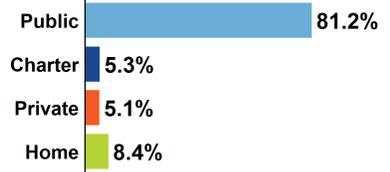
Cabarrus County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 392:1 compared to 328:1 in peer counties. 2024

1.9% of students drop out of high school (252 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 2
Traditional Public School(s): 52
Charter School(s): 4
Private School(s): 16
Home School(s): 2,493

49,538 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 5,518 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 2,059 concentrations. 1,815 (32.9%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.

1,963 (15.4%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

1,168 (37.7%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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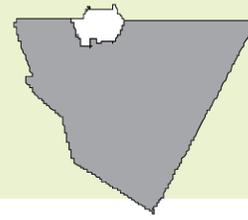
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Cabarrus County Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 44 Total Students: 34,919 (2024)

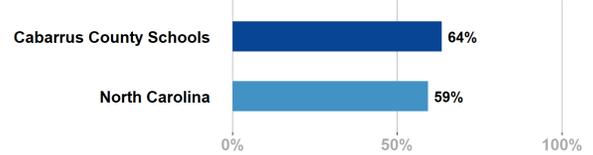
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- Rowan-Cabarrus CC
- UNC Charlotte
- Central Piedmont CC

84.9% of students who enroll **persist to their second year.**
2023

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2023



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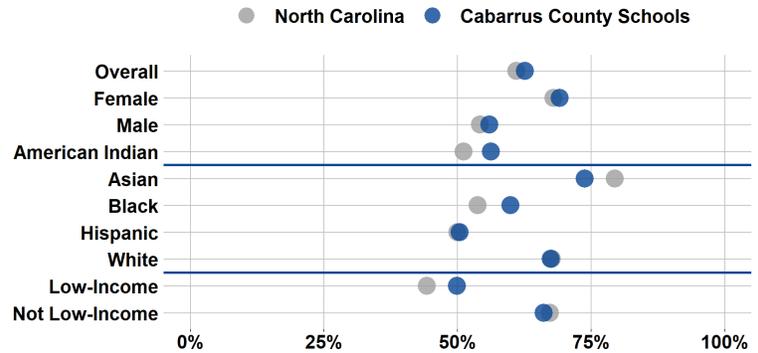
How students in Cabarrus County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

57.5% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 553 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**.

75.2% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

60.9% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Cabarrus County Schools are currently doing:

38.0% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 5,606 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**.

46.1% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 6,388 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**.

18.3% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 2,699 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11%**.



Cabarrus County Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio of 385:1** 2024

Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **4,715 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **1,861 concentrations**. **1,638 (34.7%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.



1,813 (16.4%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**
State: 16.8% (2023).



1,086 (40.0%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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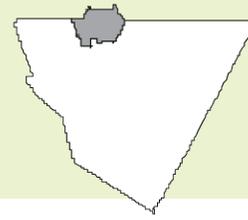
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Total Schools: 8 Total Students: 5,314 (2024)

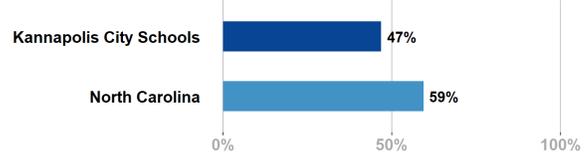
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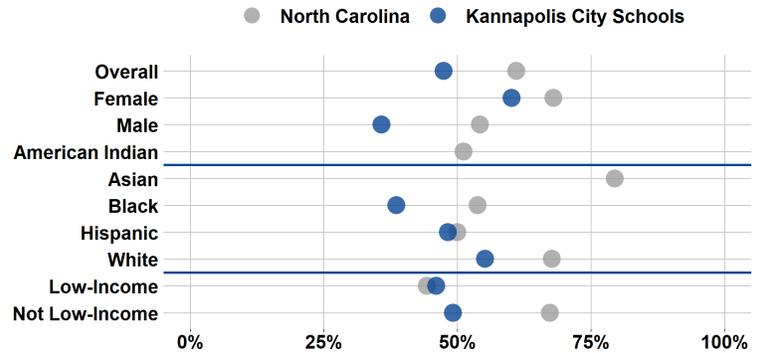
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45.7% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Kannapolis City Schools are currently doing:

14.9% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 1,363 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

22.7% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 1,485 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

27.1% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 924 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.

Kannapolis City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 442:1. 2024

Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **803 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 198 concentrations. 177 (22.0%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Architecture and Construction; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Health Science.



150 (9.1%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**
State: 16.8% (2023).



82 (21.5%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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