

# Davidson County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Winston-Salem  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Suburban

## Educational Attainment

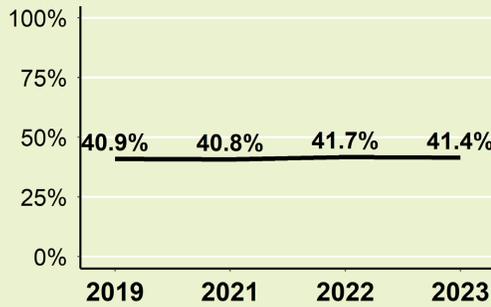
Davidson County residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
16,920  
41.4%

**No Degree**  
23,912  
58.6%

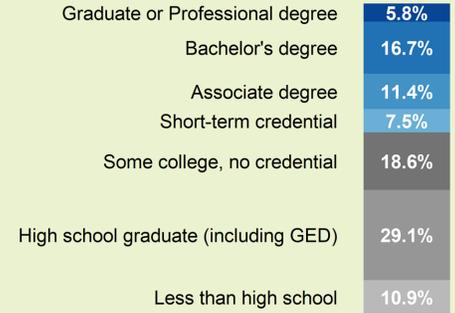
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
40,832

## 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 Davidson County Attainment Goal: 27,490 (Stretch Goal: 27,845)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 168,927  
2023 Estimate: 174,804  
Change: 5,877

## Growth Rate

3.5% County vs. 3.8% State

## Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.1%  
Asian/Pac. Isl. 1.5%  
Black 9.2%  
Hispanic 8.6%  
Multiracial 3.5%  
White 76.8%



\$63,551  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838



73.5%  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%



74.9%  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%



21.2%  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%



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



5.7%  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

## Top Opportunities for Growth



### Family Sustaining Wage

46% of Davidson County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the suburban county average of 52%.

## In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

80.0%

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

## Top Misalignments

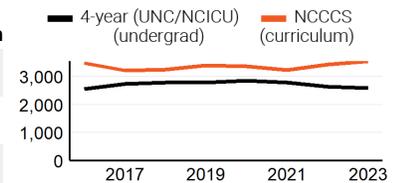
### Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Health Science Jobs > Creds
- Education & Training Jobs < Creds
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs > Creds

## Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4.11%
Data Scientists	3.64%
Logisticians	3.64%

## Postsecondary Enrollment for Davidson County Residents



147 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

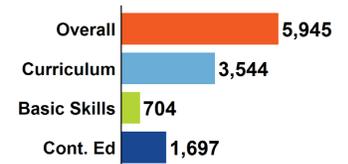
## UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

4,918 graduates in 2020  
77.7% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
\$43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

## Top 3 Employers in Davidson County

Employer	Employment Range
Davidson County Board of Education	1000+
County of Davidson	1000+
Old Dominion Freight Line Inc	500-999

## Davidson County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

45.8% of adults (ages 25-44) in Davidson County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 51.8% | State: 57.6%, 2023

16.7% of youth (ages 16-24) in Davidson County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 11.2% | State: 10.3%, 2023

80.9% of adults (ages 25-44) in Davidson County participated in the labor force. Peer: 83.4% | State: 84.2%, 2023

## Top 3 industries in Davidson County

Industry	Jobs   Percent
Manufacturing	10,570   22.6%
Retail Trade	5,377   11.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,998   10.7%

## Davidson County is served by:

- Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

19% of Davidson County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the suburban county average of 15%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

2,005 certificate | 2,120 associate | 2,629 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

305 Basic Skills  
1,603 Continuing Education  
861 Curriculum

18.6% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.1% | State: 11.7%, 2023



13.4% of Davidson County residents have student loan debt, 1.0% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2024

Success of Davidson County High School Graduates

83.5% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 83.9% | State: 83.8%, 2023

92.1% UNC | 73.6% NCCCS | 90.2% NCICU

61.3% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 61.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

32.1% UNC | 18.0% NCCCS | 7.8% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 3,898 of all college-goers attended Davidson-Davie CC
- 654 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 495 of all college-goers attended Guilford TCC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

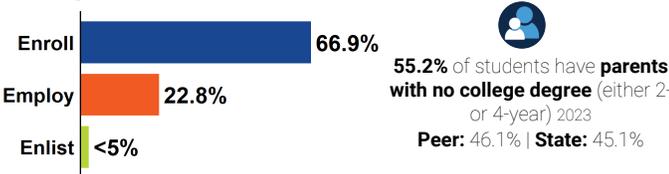


High School Graduation

83% of Davidson County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the suburban county average of 88%.

56.6% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 339 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 55.0% | State: 55.0%

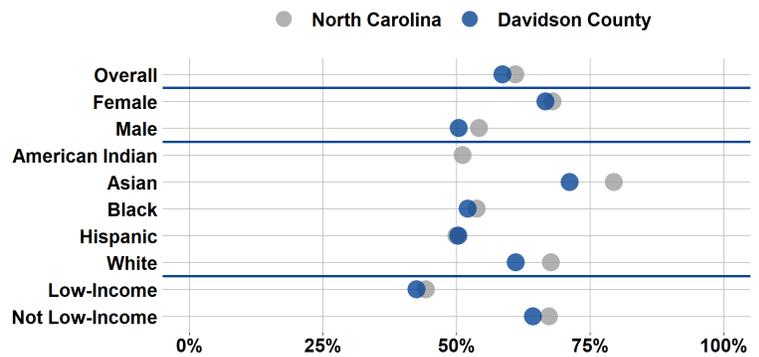
Post High School Graduation Intentions



83.3% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 219 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 88.5% | State: 87.3% 2024

56.9% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 58.8% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Davidson 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

31% of Davidson County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the suburban county average of 46%.

30.9% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 441 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.

Davidson County Traditional Public Schools students:

27.3% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 4,712 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 30.8% | State: 29.8%

35.8% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 5,169 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 37.8% | State: 36.5%

16.5% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 1,308 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 23.7% | State: 25.7%

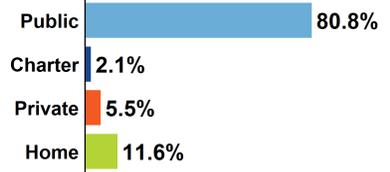
Davidson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 304:1 compared to 328:1 in peer counties. 2024

2.7% of students drop out of high school (205 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 3  
Traditional Public School(s): 46  
Charter School(s): 1  
Private School(s): 8  
Home School(s): 2,013

27,919 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 9,808 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 1,676 concentrations. 1,985 (20.2%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

791 (11.3%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

667 (41.2%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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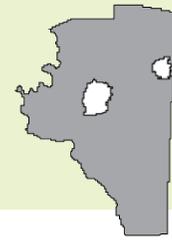
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# Davidson County Schools

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Total Schools: 35 Total Students: 17,609 (2024)

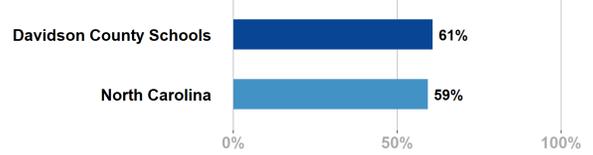
## POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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

- Davidson-Davie CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Guilford TCC

**85.0%** 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



## COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

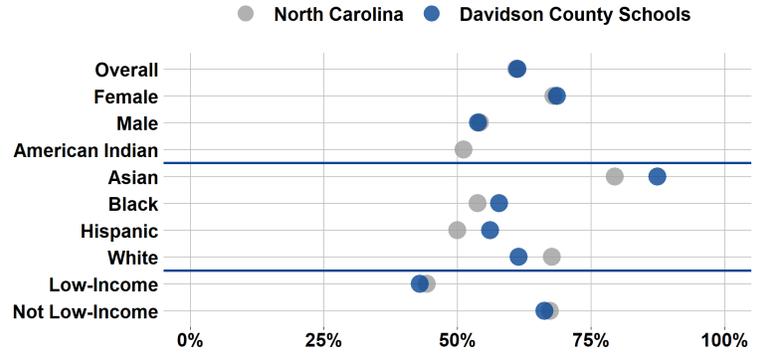
### How students in Davidson County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

**56.1%** of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 286 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**.

**70.8%** of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

**59.5%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Davidson County Schools, 2023



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

## ACADEMIC READINESS

### How students in Davidson County Schools are currently doing:

**30.0%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 3,463 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**.

**39.9%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 3,708 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**.

**11.4%** of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 70 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11%**.



Davidson County Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **288:1**. 2024

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **8,893 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **1,435 concentrations**. **1,732 (19.5%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



**674** (12.1%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**  
State: 16.8% (2023).



**558** (42.3%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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# Lexington City Schools

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Total Schools: 7 Total Students: 2,851 (2024)

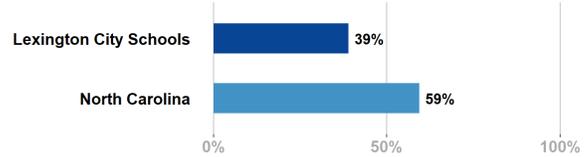
## POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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

- Davidson-Davie CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Guilford TCC

79.5% 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



## COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

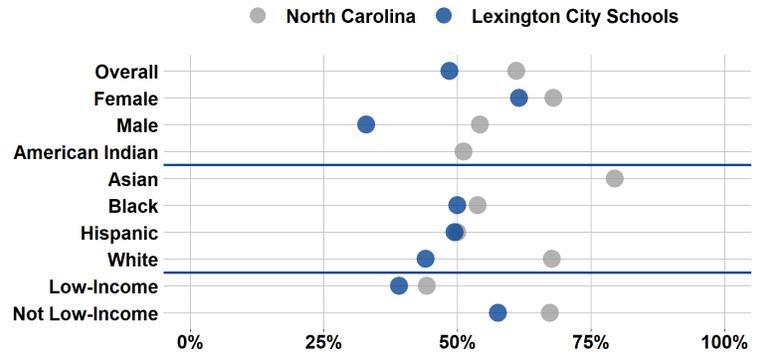
### How students in Lexington City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

55.7% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 38 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%.

51.0% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

46.7% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Lexington City Schools, 2023



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

## ACADEMIC READINESS

### How students in Lexington City Schools are currently doing:

19.6% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 677 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

24.6% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 780 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

35.4% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 775 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.



Lexington City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 360:1. 2024

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **451 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 128 concentrations. 145 (32.2%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Hospitality & Tourism; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.



**55 (6.3%)** high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**  
State: 16.8% (2023).



**70 (37.4%)** high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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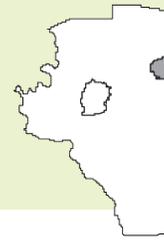
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# Thomasville City Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 4 Total Students: 2,105 (2024)

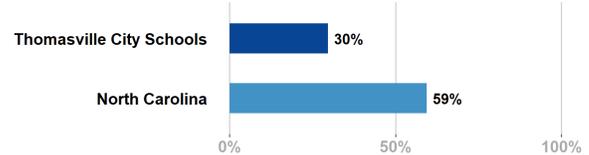
## POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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

- Davidson-Davie CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Guilford TCC

69.0% 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



## COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

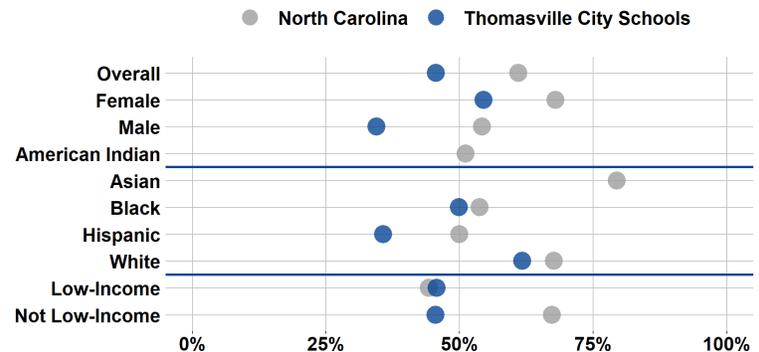
### How students in Thomasville City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

63.7% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 15 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%.

49.6% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

43.8% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Thomasville City Schools, 2023



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

## ACADEMIC READINESS

### How students in Thomasville City Schools are currently doing:

14.6% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 573 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

16.3% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 681 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

30.9% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 463 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.



Thomasville City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 418:1. 2024

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **464 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 113 concentrations. 108 (23.3%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Architecture and Construction; and Business Management & Administration.



**62** (10.5%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**  
State: 16.8% (2023).



**39** (34.8%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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