

Yadkin County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Winston-Salem
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

Educational Attainment

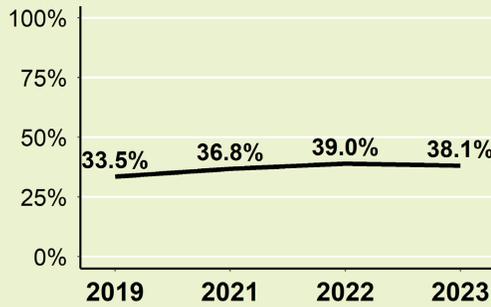
Yadkin County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
3,165
38.1%

No Degree
5,140
61.9%

Residents Ages 25-44
8,305

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 Yadkin County Attainment Goal: 4,545 (Stretch Goal: 4,635)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 37,216
2023 Estimate: 37,774
Change: 558

Growth Rate

1.5% County vs. 3.8% State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.1%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0.1%
Black 2.8%
Hispanic 12.1%
Multiracial 2.2%
White 82.1%



\$61,626
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



77.1%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



70.1%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



20.6%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



14.4%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



5.3%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

47% of Yadkin County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the state average of 58%.

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

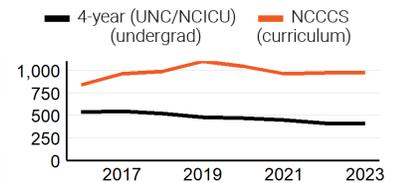
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- 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 Yadkin County Residents



10 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

46.6% of adults (ages 25-44) in Yadkin County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

12.7% of youth (ages 16-24) in Yadkin County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

81.7% of adults (ages 25-44) in Yadkin County participated in the labor force. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

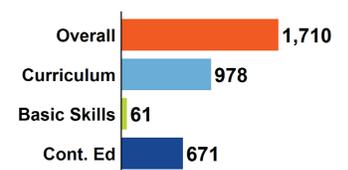
Top 3 Employers in Yadkin County

Employer	Employment Range
Unifi Manufacturing Inc	500-999
Yadkin County Board of Education	500-999
Mega International LLC	500-999

Top 3 industries in Yadkin County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Manufacturing	2,480 24.4%
Construction	1,020 10.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	942 9.3%

Yadkin County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Yadkin County is served by:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

20% of Yadkin County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 16%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

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

Adult Learners

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

- 25 Basic Skills
- 602 Continuing Education
- 158 Curriculum

19.9% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023



9.6% of Yadkin County residents have student loan debt, 1.8% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Yadkin County High School Graduates

81.5% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

88.1% UNC | 78.0% NCCCS | 84.6% NCICU

57.3% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

27.2% UNC | 18.7% NCCCS | 8.5% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 1,176 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 271 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 121 of all college-goers attended Wilkes CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

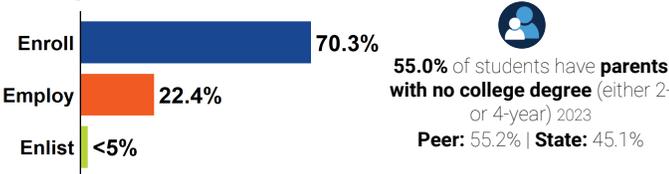


Postsecondary Enrollment

53% of Yadkin County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the state average of 59%.

52.4% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 93 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

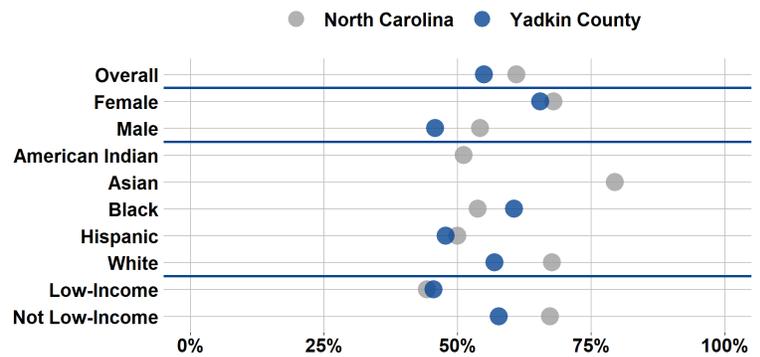
Post High School Graduation Intentions



87.3% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 30 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

53.2% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Yadkin County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Reading Performance

25% of Yadkin County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state average of 30%.

Yadkin County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2% 2024

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

Yadkin County Traditional Public Schools students:

24.9% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 1,063 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

33.5% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 1,160 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

23.7% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 651 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

Yadkin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 350:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.2% of students drop out of high school (3 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 14
Charter School(s): 0
Private School(s): 3
Home School(s): 442

5,733 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 2,312 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 295 concentrations. 330 (14.3%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Architecture and Construction; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Health Science.

17 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

207 (54.6%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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