

Centralina

Workforce Development Board (WDB)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Counties in Workforce Development Board:
Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, and Union Counties

Educational Attainment

Centralina WDB residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
131,187
53.4%

No Degree
114,581
46.6%

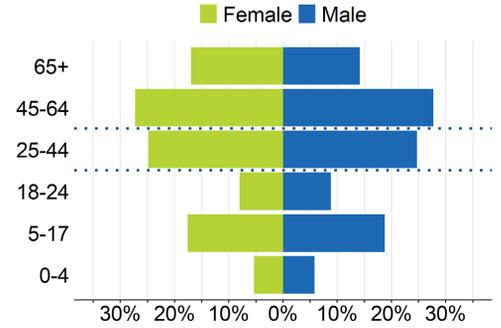
Residents Ages 25-44
245,768

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023

Graduate or Professional degree	11.0%
Bachelor's degree	24.2%
Associate degree	10.7%
Short-term credential	7.5%
Some college, no credential	13.1%
High school graduate (including GED)	24.4%
Less than high school	9.1%

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

Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Centralina Attainment Goal: 188,724

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 968,982
2023 Estimate: 1,031,110
Change: 62,128

Growth Rate
6.4% vs. 3.8%
County State

Race/Ethnicity, 2023

Amer. Indian	0.1%
Asian/Pac. Isl.	3.2%
Black	13.8%
Hispanic	10.6%
Multiracial	3.4%
White	68.5%

\$83,892
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838

74.6%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%

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

13.6%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%

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

8.2%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Centralina:

1,191 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

3,418 graduates in 2020
77.9% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$38,283 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

57.2% of adults (ages 25-44) in Centralina earned a **family sustaining wage**. State: 57.6%, 2023

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

83.2% of adults (ages 25-44) in Centralina **participated in the labor force**. State: 84.2%, 2023

Centralina Labor Force Snapshot, 2024 Q2

Total Jobs	351,856	Business Establishments	29,805
Employed	494,808	Unemployed	19,398
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,099		

Top Industries in Centralina, 2024 Q2

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Retail Trade	46,675	\$716
Manufacturing	46,279	\$1,268
Health Care and Social Assistance	41,149	\$1,307
Accommodation and Food Services	35,946	\$422
Admin Support, Waste Mgmt, Rem. Services	22,029	\$860

Top Job Sectors in Centralina, 2024 Q2

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	298,960	\$1,074
Local Government	43,492	\$1,229
State Government	5,359	\$1,014
Federal Government	4,044	\$1,665

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Degree Credentials Awarded in Centralina, 2023

1,883 certificate | 2,047 associate | 1,191 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

1,417 Basic Skills
 9,388 Continuing Education
 3,919 Curriculum

13.1% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

Success of Centralina High School Graduates

84.5% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

94.3% UNC | 68.7% NCCCS | 86.7% NCICU

63.0% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

35.6% UNC | 10.2% NCCCS | 7.3% NCICU

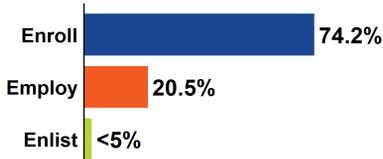
Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 10,110 of all college-goers attended Rowan-Cabarrus CC
- 5,197 of all college-goers attended South Piedmont CC
- 5,066 of all college-goers attended Mitchell CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

54.3% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 2,844 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

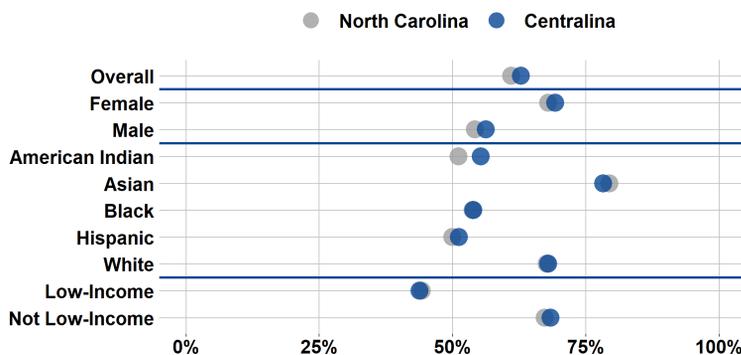
Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



89.7% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 677 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

61.1% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in WDB, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

45.5% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 1,252 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

Centralina Traditional Public Schools students:

33.3% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 35,327 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

43.2% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 19,920 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

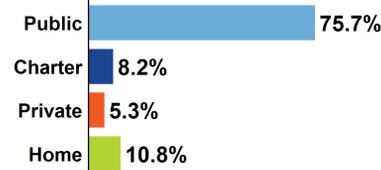
21.5% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 16,427 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

1.8% of students drop out of high school (941 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 9
 Traditional Public School(s): 236
 Charter School(s): 18
 Private School(s): 83
 Home School(s): 12,869

195,790 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 35,686 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 7,345 concentrations. 8,659 (24.3%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

8,096 (16.8%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

4,488 (37.7%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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