

myFutureNC 2025 Education Attainment Data Summary Sources

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Section	Indicator	Sources	Data Year	Additional Notes		
Peer County Type	NC Rural Center Guidance					
	Workforce Development Board	NC Association of Workforce Development Boards				
	Council of Governments	NC Association of Regional Councils of Governments				
	Prosperity Zone	NC Commerce				
	Prosperity Zone Sub-Region	NC Commerce				
	Number of Local Education Agencies	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024			
	Number of Charter Schools	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024			
COUNTY OVERVIEW	Proposed 2030 Goal	Number	Special calculation for myFutureNC			
	Population Spotlight	2020 Census	Decennial Census	2020	Using the Census population included in the Population and Housing Unit Estimates	
		2023 Population Estimates	Census Population and Housing Unit Estimates	2023		
		Numeric Change		2023		
		Growth Rate		2023		
		Percent Foreign born	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	B05003	
	Median Household Income	Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau for counties, NC Commerce for regionals	2023	Median household income for councils of governments are calculated by Carolina Demography	NC Commerce	
	Child Poverty Rate	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	Table B17001		
	Households with Broadband	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	Table B28002		
Home Ownership Rate	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	Table B25003			

REGIONAL OVERVIEW	Demographic Breakdowns	Racial/Ethnic Breakdown	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	Table B03002	
		Age Breakdown (Population Pyramid)	5-Year American Community Survey	2023	Table B01001	
	"Highest Degree Earned (25-44-year-olds)"	Population 25-44	5-Year American Community Survey (short-term credentials are estimated based on Georgetown CEW for Lumina Foundation study)	2023	Table B15001	
		Less than High School		2023		
		HS/GED		2023		
		Some College, No Degree		2023		
		Short-term credential		2023		
		Associate		2023		
		Bachelor's		2023		
		Master's or More		2023		
		Have a Postsecondary Degree		2023		
		No Postsecondary Degree		2023		
		# with a Postsecondary Degree		2023		
		# without a Postsecondary Degree		2023		
		Opportunities for Growth		Labor Market Alingment		For each section, these are calculated by evaluating the largest gap between county performance and peer counties. If a county did not have 3 gaps vs. peer counties, it was then compared to the state average and then the goal (for indicators with goals) to ensure that all counties have 3 opportunity areas. Note: AP Participation was not considered as an opportunity area for counties with fewer than 20 students enrolled, due to potential resource barriers to implementation. AP and CCP jointly form the OFG titled "Earning College Credit in High School". This only counts as one of the top OFG if AP or CCP is in the top 3, and the other is still out performed by peer counties.
	Postsecondary Completion					
	College and Career Access					

ACADEMIC READINESS	School Choice	Total K-12 Enrollment	NC Department of Public Instruction, NC Department of Administration	2024	At LEA and Charter levels, Table A1 and Table 34
		District (LEA)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	
		Charter	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	
		Home	NC Department of Administration	2024	
		Private	NC Department of Administration	2024	
	K-12 Enrollment	K-12 Enrollment by Demographic Breakdowns	Special calculation using data from NC DPI	2023	
	Pre-K	NC Pre-K Participation Rate (goal: 75%) (can be >100%)	Special calculation using NC DCDEE data	2024	
		College-and-Career-Ready in Reading (goal: 73%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	2023-2024 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data
		College-and-Career-Ready in Math (goal: 86%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	2023-2024 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data
		High School Graduation Rate (goal: 95%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	2023-2024 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data
		Dropout Rate	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	TableD10 Dropout HighSchool Count Rates 2years 2023
		Chronic Absenteeism Rate (goal: 11%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2022, rcd_chronic_absent
		Students per School Counselor	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	Table A6, Position: Professionals, Assignment Classification: Guidance
	Advanced Placement	# high school students in at least one AP course	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	School Accountability and Reporting: The North Carolina SAT and AP Reports
		AP Participation Rate	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	School Accountability and Reporting: The North Carolina SAT and AP Reports
	Career & College Promise (CCP)	# of graduates earning credit in a college course	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)
		% graduates earning credit in a college course	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)
	Career & Technical Education Concentrations	CTE concentrations earned	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)
		CTE Concentration #1	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)
		CTE Concentration #2	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)
CTE Concentration #3		NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	SRC Datasets 2023 (unpublished special data request by Carolina Demography)	

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS		FAFSA Completion Rate (goal: 80%)	Special calculation using Federal Student Aid data	2024	September 27th 2024 Completion Report Archives, Denominator: PMR Month 2 ADM 12+13 graders		
		Postsecondary Intentions	NC Department of Public Instruction	2023	Table A4.1		
	Postsecondary Enrollment Rate (within 12 months)	Total	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse		2022 HS graduates		
		Female					
		Male					
		Economically Disadvantaged					
		Not Economically Disadvantaged					
		American Indian					
		Asian					
		Black					
		Hispanic					
		Multiracial					
	White						
	First-Generation in College (0-17)	Special calculation using data from IPUMS-USA and SEER Population Estimates	2022 (no update on 2025 profiles)	IPUMS-USA	SEER		
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION	Top Institutions	UNC System, North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (Partially Special Data Request)	2024	Enrollment counts, Fall 2022, by County of Residence	Enrollment counts, Fall 2022, by County of Residence		
	If enroll within 12 months...	Persist to 2nd Year	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse	2021 HS graduates			
		Graduate within 6 years	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse	2016 HS graduates			
	Student Debt	% of Residents with Student Debt	Urban Institute	2024			
		Among those with student debt: % in collections		2024			
	Credentials Awarded by Postsecondary Institutions in Prosperity Zone Sub-Region	Certificates	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)	2023			
		Associate Degrees		2023			
		Bachelor's Degrees		2023			
	NCCC System Enrollments	Curriculum	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	2022			
		Continuing Education	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	2022			
Basic Skills		NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	2022				

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT	ApprenticeshipNC		NC Community College System (Speical Data Request)	2023			
	Opportunity Youth (16-24)		Special calculation using data from IPUMS-USA and SEER Population Estimates	2022 (no update on 2025 profiles)	IPUMS-USA	SEER	
	UNC and NC Community College Outcomes	Total Graduates		NC TOWER	2020		
		% of Graduates Employed in NC after 5 Years		NC TOWER	2020		
		Average Earnings of Graduates Employed in NC after 5 Years		NC TOWER	2020		
	Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Alignment	Alignment Rate		LEAD, NC Commerce (Special Data Request)	2021-2023		
		Alignment Gap #1			2021-2023		
		Alignment Gap #2			2021-2023		
		Alignment Gap #3			2021-2023		
		Top Employers		NC Commerce	2024		
		Star Jobs		NC Careers (NC Commerce)	2021		
		Top Sector		NC Commerce	2024		
		Top Industries		NC Commerce	2024		
	Labor Market Spotlight	Total Jobs		NC Commerce	Q2 2024		
		Total Employers		NC Commerce	Q2 2024		
Total Employees			NC Commerce	Q2 2024			
Ave. Weekly Wages			NC Commerce	Q2 2024			