myFutureNC 2026 County Attainment Profile Data Elements

All data was compiled and calculated by Carolina Demography for myFutureNC. For additional information and detailed file downloads, visit **https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/**. Please note that all data on the profiles, with the exception of the charter profiles, pertaining to K-12 education is limited to traditional school students. The state dashboard, on the other hand, uses data for all public school students, including charter school students, meaning that the state values reported on the profiles do not line up with the values reported on the state dashboard.

Section		Indicator Name	Sources	Data Year	Additional Notes	
	Regional Context	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	2025		
		Number of Charter Schools	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025		
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	
		2024 Population Estimates	Census Population and Housing Unit Estimates	2024		
		Numeric Change		2024		
		Growth Rate		2024		
		Percent Foreign born	5-Year American Community Survey	2024	B05003	
		Median Household Income	Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau for counties, NC Commerce for regionals	2024	Median household income for councils of governments are calculated by Carolina Demography	NC Commerce
		Child Poverty Rate	5-Year American Community Survey	2024	Table B17001	
		Households with Broadband	5-Year American Community Survey	2024	Table B28002	
		Home Ownership Rate	5-Year American Community Survey	2024	Table B25003	

COUNTY/REGIONAL OVERVIEW	Demographic Breakdowns	Racial/Ethnic Breakdown	5-Year American Community Survey	2024	Table B03002	
	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)	2024	Table B15001	
		Less than High School		2024		
		HS/GED		2024		
		Some College, No Degree		2024		
		Short-term credential		2024		
		Associate		2024		
		Bachelor's		2024		
		Master's or More		2024		
		Have a Postsecondary Degree		2024		
		No Postsecondary Degree		2024		
		# with a Postsecondary Degree		2024		
		# without a Postsecondary Degree		2024		
	Opportunities for Growth	Labor Market Alignment	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.	Varies by indicator (see specific indicator in spreadsheet)		
		Postsecondary Completion				
		College and Career Access				
		Academic Readiness				

ACADEMIC READINESS	School Choice	Total K-12 Enrollment	NC Department of Public Instruction, NC Department of Administration	2025	At LEA and Charter levels, Table A1 and Table 34	
		District (LEA)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025		
		Charter	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025		
		Home	NC Department of Administration	2025		
		Private	NC Department of Administration	2025		
	K-12 Enrollment	K-12 Enrollment by Demographic Breakdowns	Special calculation using data from NC DPI	2024		
	Pre-K	NC Pre-K Participation Rate (goal: 75%) (can be >100%)	Special calculation using NC DCDEE data	2025		
		College-and-Career-Ready in Reading (goal: 73%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	2024-2025 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data	
		College-and-Career-Ready in Math (goal: 86%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	2024-2025 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data	
		High School Graduation Rate (goal: 95%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	2024-2025 School Assessment and Other Indicator Data	
		Dropout Rate	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	TableD10 Dropout HighSchool Count Rates 2years 2023	
		Chronic Absenteeism Rate (goal: 11%)	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	SRC Datasets 2024, rcd_chronic_absent	
		Students per School Counselor	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	Table A6, Position: Professionals, Assignment Classification: Guidance	
	Advanced Placement	# of high school students took at least one AP/IB/CIE test	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	SRC Datasets 2024	
		AP/IB/CIE Test Participation Rate	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	SRC Datasets 2024	
	Career & College Promise (CCP)	# of graduates earning credit in a college course	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	CCP Enrollment by LEA Code	
		% graduates earning credit in a college course	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	CCP Enrollment by LEA Code	
	Career & Technical Education Concentrations	CTE concentrations earned	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	SRC Datasets 2025	
		CTE Concentration #1	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	SRC Datasets 2025	
		CTE Concentration #2	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	SRC Datasets 2025	
		CTE Concentration #3	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	SRC Datasets 2025	
		CTE Industry Valued Credentials	NC Department of Public Instruction	2025	SRC Datasets 2025	

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS		FAFSA Completion Rate (goal: 80%)	College for North Carolina (CFNC) FAFSA Tracker	2025 (Spring update)	September 26th 2025 Completion Report Archives, Denominator: PMR Month 2 ADM 12+13 graders	
		Postsecondary Intentions	NC Department of Public Instruction	2024	Table A4.1	
	Postsecondary Enrollment Rate (within 12 months)	Total	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse	2025 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 U.S. Census Bureau ACS microdata (PUMS) and SEER Population Estimates	2024	IPUMS-USA	SEER
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION	Top Postsecondary Destinations of Graduates	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	
	If enroll within 12 months…	Persist to 2nd Year	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse	2022 HS graduates		
		Graduate within 6 years	Special calculation using data from NC DPI and the National Student Clearinghouse	2017 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)	2024		
		Associate Degrees		2024		
		Bachelor's Degrees		2024		
	NCCC System Enrollments	Curriculum	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	Fall 2024	Contact: Elizabeth Stoddard	
		Continuing Education	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	Fall 2024	Contact: Elizabeth Stoddard	
		Basic Skills	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	Fall 2024	Contact: Elizabeth Stoddard	

LABOR MAKET ALIGNMENT	ApprenticeshipNC	Pre-Apprenticeship	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)			
		Apprenticeship	NC Community College System (Special Data Request)	2024		
	Opportunity Youth (16-24)		Special calculation using data from U.S. Census Bureau ACS microdata (PUMS) and SEER Population Estimates	2024	IPUMS-USA	SEER
	UNC and NC Community College Outcomes	Total Graduates	NC TOWER	2023		
		% of Graduates Employed in NC after 5 Years	NC TOWER	2023		
		Average Earnings of Graduates Employed in NC after 5 Years	NC TOWER	2023		
	Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Alignment	Alignment Rate	LEAD, NC Commerce (Special Data Request)	2022-2024		
		Alignment Gap #1		2022-2024		
		Alignment Gap #2		2022-2024		
		Alignment Gap #3		2022-2024		
		Top Employers	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
		Star Jobs	NC Careers (NC Commerce)	2022		
		Top Sector	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
		Top Industries	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
	Labor Market Spotlight	Total Jobs	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
		Total Employers	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
		Total Employees	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		
		Ave. Weekly Wages	NC Commerce	Q2 2025		