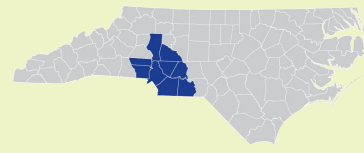


# Centralina Regional Council

## Council of Governments

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Regional Council Attainment Goal: 523,672




**Counties in Council of Governments:**  
Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, Union


### Population Spotlight


**Growth Rate:** Council of Governments: 3.3% vs. State: 2.5%

County	2020	2022	Change
North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Anson County	22,052	22,202	150
Cabarrus County	225,807	235,797	9,990
Gaston County	227,942	234,215	6,273
Iredell County	186,699	195,897	9,198
Lincoln County	86,816	93,095	6,279
Mecklenburg County	1,115,526	1,145,392	29,866
Rowan County	146,878	149,645	2,767
Stanly County	62,506	64,153	1,647
Union County	238,233	249,070	10,837

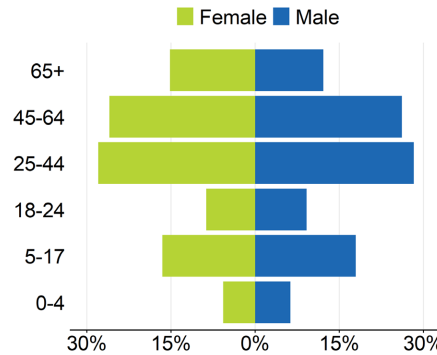
  
**14.8%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%

  
**11.4%**  
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)  
State: 12.1%

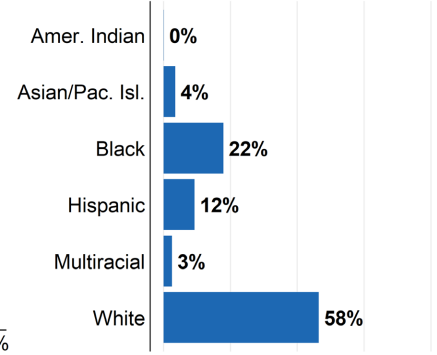
  
**79%**  
Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%

  
**11%**  
Foreign Born (2022)  
State: 9%

### Age Structure, 2022




### Race/Ethnicity, 2022

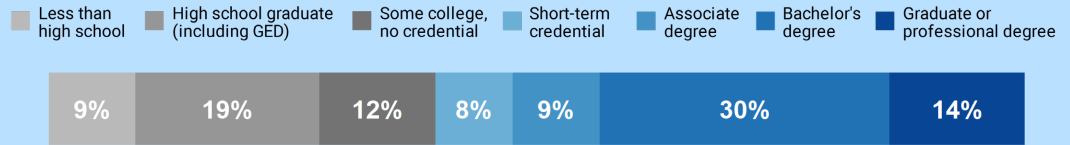


### Educational Attainment

Centralina Regional Council residents ages 25-44, 2022

  
**No Degree**  
259,217  
39.8%


  
**Have Degree or Credential**  
392,831  
60.2%



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

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### In Centralina Regional Council:

 **4,118** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

#### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**12,016** graduates in 2020

**74%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

**\$45,848** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

 **59%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Centralina Regional Council earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

### Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

Total Jobs	1,204,055
Business Establishments	86,757
Employed	1,219,303
Unemployed	43,650
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$1,331
Median Household Income	\$80,212

### Top Industries in Centralina Regional Council

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	138,961	\$1,473
Retail Trade	120,647	\$821
Accommodation and Food Services	105,756	\$505
Manufacturing	97,909	\$1,501
Finance and Insurance	93,086	\$4,615

### Top Job Sectors in Centralina Regional Council

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	1,065,659	\$1,342
Local Government	114,204	\$1,219
State Government	14,062	\$1,118
Federal Government	10,128	\$1,670

### Success of Centralina Regional Council High School Graduates

- **84%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **83%** for the state. 2022
- **60%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **59%** for the state. 2022

### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- **24,722** of all college-goers attended **Central Piedmont CC**
- **11,283** of all college-goers attended **Rowan-Cabarrus CC**
- **8,913** of all college-goers attended **Gaston College**

### Adult Learners

#### Centralina Regional Council resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 2,694** Basic Skills
- 23,941** Continuing Education
- 7,314** Curriculum

- **60%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 4,503 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **78%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **74%** in the state. 2022
- **59%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **58%** in the state. 2022

### How students in Centralina Regional Council traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Centralina Regional Council needs:

- **41%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 3,403 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023
- **32%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 60,075 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **39%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 69,026 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **86%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 2,379 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **31%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **32%** statewide; 65,872 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022

**2%** of students **drop out of high school** (2,544 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2022

### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

**6,363** certificate | **5,580** associate | **8,618** bachelor's

### Postsecondary assets in Centralina Regional Council

#### Public, 4-year or above

Carolinas College of Health Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

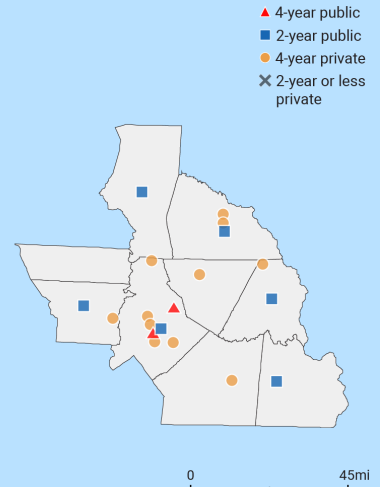
#### Public, 2-year

Central Piedmont Community College, Gaston College, Mitchell Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Stanly Community College

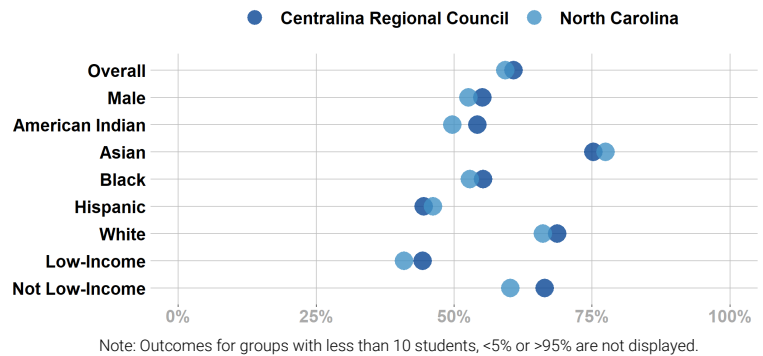
#### Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Belmont Abbey College, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary, Davidson College, Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte, Johnson C Smith University, Livingstone College, Pfeiffer University, Queens University of Charlotte, Wingate University

#### Private not-for-profit, 2-year



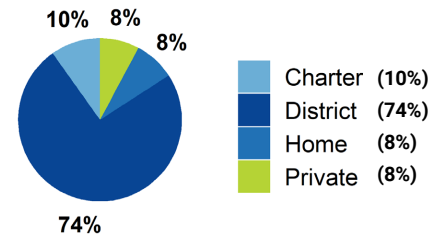
### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Centralina Regional Council, 2022



### School Choice

427,904 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Centralina Regional Council in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



### Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Centralina Regional Council completed **46,783 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and **12,746 concentrations** in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

**17,857 high school students** took at least one **AP course (18%)** versus **15%** in the state (2022).

**8,645 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (19%)** versus **23%** in the state (2022).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

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