Centralina Regional Council
Council of Governments
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles
2030 Proposed Regional Council Attainment Goal: 523,672

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

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Age Structure, 2022
- 65+: Male 14.8% vs. Female 11.4%
- 45-64: Male 79% vs. Female 77%
- 25-44: Male 14% vs. Female 11%

Race/Ethnicity, 2022
- Amer. Indian: 0%
- Asian/Pac. Isl.: 4%
- Black: 22%
- Hispanic: 12%
- Multiracial: 3%
- White: 58%

Educational Attainment
Centralina Regional Council residents ages 25-44, 2022
- No Degree: 259,217 (39.8%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 392,831 (60.2%)

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
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<td>Accommodation and Food Services</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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Top Job Sectors in Centralina Regional Council
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Centralina Regional Council 2024 Attainment Profile

Updated: Apr 10 2024

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
- 25% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 46,334 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023
- 2% of students drop out of high school (2,435 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

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

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

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 53,239 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (14,440 (27%) were industry-valued credentials) and 13,548 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; and Human Services.

19,277 high school students took at least one AP test (19%) versus 16% in the state (2023).
8,128 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (34%) versus 36% in the state (2023).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/