Mid-Carolina Council of Governments
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles
2030 Proposed Regional Council Attainment Goal: 80,623

Population Spotlight

Growth Rate: Council of Governments: 1.4% vs. State: 2.5%

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2022</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>10,439,414</td>
<td>10,698,973</td>
<td>259,559</td>
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<td>Cumberland County</td>
<td>334,728</td>
<td>336,699</td>
<td>1,971</td>
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<td>Harnett County</td>
<td>133,554</td>
<td>138,832</td>
<td>5,278</td>
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<td>Sampson County</td>
<td>59,040</td>
<td>59,120</td>
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23.6% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

13.2% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%

72% Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

7% Foreign Born (2022)
State: 9%

Age Structure, 2022

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<td>0-4</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>5-17</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>18-24</td>
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<td>25-44</td>
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<td>45-64</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>65+</td>
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Race/Ethnicity, 2022

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<tr>
<td>Amer. Indian</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pac. Isl.</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Multiracial</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>47%</td>
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Educational Attainment

Mid-Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2022

- No Degree: 81,381 (54.2%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 68,699 (45.8%)

In Mid-Carolina Council of Governments:

- 1,765 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 3,862 graduates in 2020
- 50% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- Annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs): $37,696

43% of adults (ages 25-44) in Mid-Carolina earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

- Total Jobs: 168,171
- Business Establishments: 11,177
- Employed: 201,575
- Unemployed: 9,849
- Avg. Weekly Wage: $952
- Median Household Income: $55,827

Top Industries in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

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<th>Industry Name</th>
<th>Average Employment</th>
<th>Average Weekly Wages</th>
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<td>Health Care and Social Assistance</td>
<td>28,845</td>
<td>$1,205</td>
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<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>23,861</td>
<td>$719</td>
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<td>Accommodation and Food Services</td>
<td>18,768</td>
<td>$365</td>
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<td>Public Administration</td>
<td>16,355</td>
<td>$1,245</td>
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<td>Educational Services</td>
<td>14,845</td>
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Top Job Sectors in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

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<td>Private</td>
<td>122,019</td>
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<td>Local Government</td>
<td>26,039</td>
<td>$1,030</td>
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<td>Federal Government</td>
<td>15,466</td>
<td>$1,560</td>
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<td>State Government</td>
<td>4,647</td>
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Success of Mid-Carolina High School Graduates

- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 83% for the state. 2022
- 51% 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

- 12,410 of all college-goers attended Fayetteville TCC
- 2,982 of all college-goers attended Central Carolina CC
- 2,637 of all college-goers attended Sampson CC

Adult Learners

Mid-Carolina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 843 Basic Skills
- 7,425 Continuing Education
- 4,134 Curriculum

- 63% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 864 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%.
- 78% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 74% in the state.
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 58% in the state.

How students in Mid-Carolina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Mid-Carolina needs:
- 45% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 1,280 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 26% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 17,053 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.
- 26% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 21,868 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.
- 86% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 572 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
- 33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 18,905 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.
- 2% of students drop out of high school (530 total students), compared to 2% statewide.

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 2,241 certificate
- 2,110 associate
- 2,314 bachelor’s

Postsecondary assets in Mid-Carolina Council of Governments

Public, 4-year or above
- Fayetteville State University

Public, 2-year
- Fayetteville Technical Community College
- Sampson Community College

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
- Campbell University
- Carolina College of Biblical Studies
- Heritage Bible College
- Manna University
- Methodist University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Mid-Carolina, 2022

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

School Choice

96,099 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Mid-Carolina in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Mid-Carolina completed 28,092 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (4,842 (17%) were industry-valued credentials) and 4,092 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

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