Cabarrus County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Cabarrus County Attainment Goal: 49,862 (Stretch Goal: 50,188)
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 225,807
2022 Estimate: 235,797
Change: 9,990

Growth Rate
4.4% vs. 2.5%
County
State

$79,649
Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516

73%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

11.5%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

14.6%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

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

3.4%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Cabarrus County residents ages 25-44, 2022
No Degree
25,126
41.2%
Have Degree or Credential
35,925
58.8%

7%
Less than high school
24%
High school graduate (including GED)
10%
Some college, no credential
8%
Short-term credential
10%
Associate degree
28%
Bachelor’s degree
13%
Graduate or professional degree

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

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Cabarrus County to improve future attainment outcomes.

School Counselors
Cabarrus County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 377:1, above the suburban county average of 327:1.

NC Pre-K Enrollment
47% of Cabarrus County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the state average of 53%.

Opportunity Youth
15% of Cabarrus County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the state average of 12%.

Promising Attainment Practices
The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state’s attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Cabarrus County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Cabarrus

In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
80.4%
of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

4,230
Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
12,495 graduates in 2020
74% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
$45,387 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

60% of adults (ages 25-44) in Cabarrus County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Cabarrus County is served by:
Centralina Workforce Development Board
Centralina Regional Council

Top areas of misalignment:
Business Management & Administration
Finance
Information Technology

Lab Market Alignment

Basic Skills
300
150
2018 2020 2022
Continuing Education

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title
Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners
5%
Data Scientists
4%
Logisticians
4%

Top 3 Employers in Cabarrus County
Employer
Employment Range
Cabarrus County Schools
1000+
Atrium Health
1000+
Amazon.Com Services Inc
1000+

First-time Curriculum Enrollments

2018 2020 2022
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Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 6,906 certificate
- 6,066 associate
- 9,125 bachelor’s

Postsecondary assets in Charlotte Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Central Piedmont Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Stanly Community College
- Caucasian College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary, Davidson College, Gardner-Webb University, Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte, Johnson C Smith University, Livingston College, Pfeiffer University, Queens University of Charlotte, Wingate University
- Stanly Community College

How students in Cabarrus County traditional schools are doing:
- 63% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 479 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 74% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022
- 57% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022
- 38% of Cabarrus County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

Success of Cabarrus County High School Graduates
- 81% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 62% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 5,360 of all college-goers attended Rowan-Cabarrus CC
- 1,252 of all college-goers attended Central Piedmont CC
- 302 of all college-goers attended Stanly CC

Access to Postsecondary Credits
- Students in Cabarrus County completed 4,141 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 1,765 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services, Health Science, and Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics.
- 1,652 high school students took at least one AP course (13%) versus 14% in peer counties (2022).
- 1,392 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (25%) versus 23% in peer counties (2022).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/
City/District School Profile
Cabarrus County Schools | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 44  Total Students: 34,640

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Cabarrus County Schools are currently doing:
• 38% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 5,600 more needed to meet state goal of 73%, 2023
• 45% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 6,608 more needed to meet state goal of 86%, 2023
• 89% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 173 more needed to meet state goal of 95%, 2023
• 26% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 5,225 less needed to meet state goal of 11%, 2022

Cabarrus County Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 369:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Cabarrus County Schools completed 3,404 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 1,599 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.

1,495 high school students took at least one AP course (14%) (2022).
1,392 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (28%) (2022).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Cabarrus County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:
• 64% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 407 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%, 2023
• 76% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution.
2022
• 59% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months.
2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Cabarrus County Schools, 2022

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

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
• Rowan-Cabarrus CC
• Central Piedmont CC
• Stanly CC
• 82% of college students persist to their second year of attendance. 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022

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Total Schools: 8  Total Students: 5,350

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Kannapolis City Schools are currently doing:

• 17% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,351 more needed to meet state goal of 73%, 2023
• 20% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,605 more needed to meet state goal of 86%, 2023
• 86% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 40 more needed to meet state goal of 95%, 2023
• 37% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,484 less needed to meet state goal of 11%, 2022

Kannapolis City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 446:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Kannapolis City Schools completed 737 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 166 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; Human Services; and Health Science.

157 high school students took at least one AP course (10%) (2022).

Less than 10 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (<5%) (2022).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Kannapolis City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

• 59% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 73 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%, 2023
• 61% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution, 2022
• 44% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months, 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

• Rowan-Cabarrus CC
• Central Piedmont CC
• Stanly CC
• 66% of college students persist to their second year of attendance, 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022

Kannapolis City Schools: 47%
North Carolina: 59%

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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

** Observations <10 or no data available

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