

Cabarrus County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Charlotte
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban
Local Education Agencies: 2 (2023)
Charter Schools: 4 (2023)

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% County vs. 2.5% 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

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree



No Degree
25,126
41.2%



Have Degree or Credential
35,925
58.8%



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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

80.4%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:

Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Finance bachelor's
Information Technology bachelor's



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)



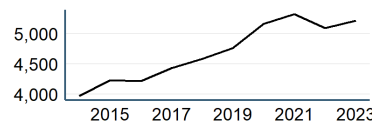
60% of adults (ages 25-44) in Cabarrus County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Cabarrus County is served by:

Centralina Workforce Development Board
Centralina Regional Council

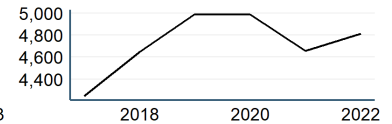
UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



NC Community College Enrollment

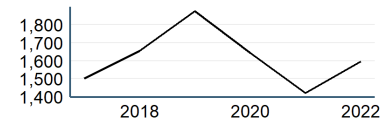
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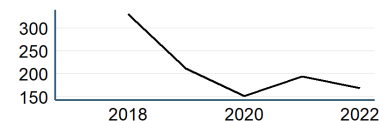
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5%
Data Scientists	4%
Logisticians	4%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



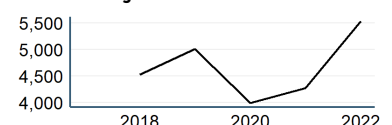
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Cabarrus County

Employer	Employment Range
Cabarrus County Schools	1000+
Atrium Health	1000+
Amazon.Com Services Inc	1000+

Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Cabarrus County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

169 Basic Skills
5,529 Continuing Education
4,814 Curriculum

16% of Cabarrus County residents have **student loan debt**; **7%** of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

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**

• **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.

How students in Cabarrus County traditional schools are doing:

• **47%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 211 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023

• **35%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 9,350 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023

• **41%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 8,213 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023

• **89%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 213 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023

• **27%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **32%** statewide; 6,710 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022

Cabarrus County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **377:1** versus **327:1** in peer counties. 2022

2% of students **drop out of high school** (288 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2022

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

6,906 certificate | **6,066** associate | **9,125** bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Charlotte Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above

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

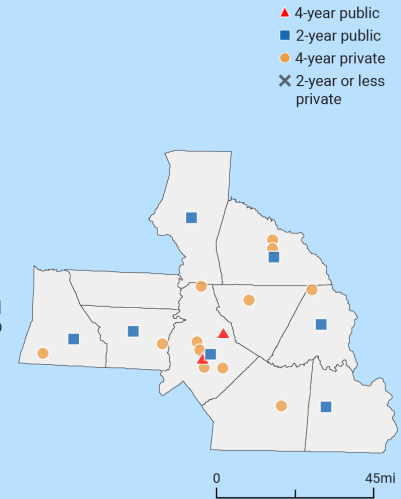
Public, 2-year

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

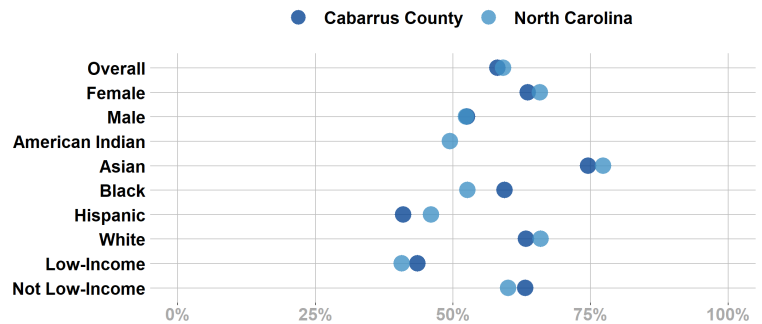
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Belmont Abbey College, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary, Davidson College, Gardner-Webb University, 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 for Select Groups in Cabarrus County, 2022

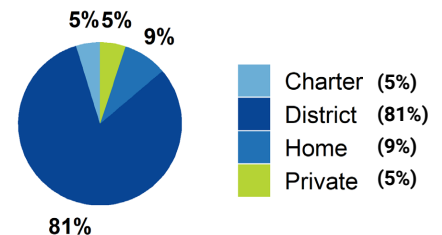


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School Choice

49,047 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Cabarrus County in the 2022-23 school year.

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



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 Science, 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).

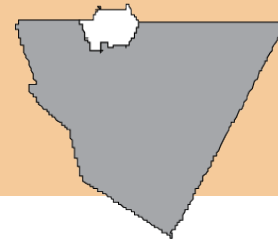
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City/District School Profile

Cabarrus County Schools | 2022-2023

This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles



□ district boundary

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).



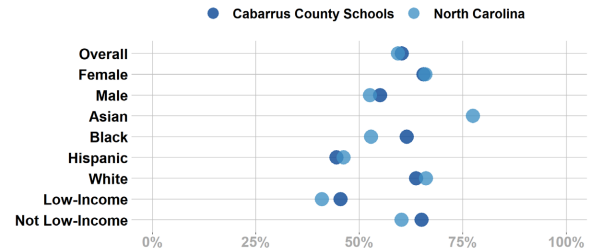
1,392 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (28%)** (2022).

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



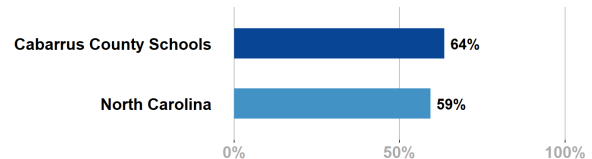
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POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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



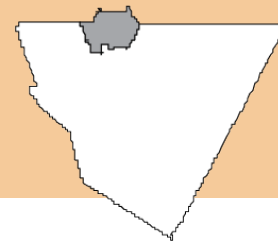
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City/District School Profile

Kannapolis City Schools | 2022-2023
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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).



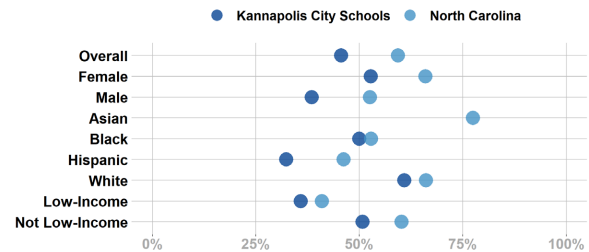
Less than 10 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (<5%)** (2022).

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

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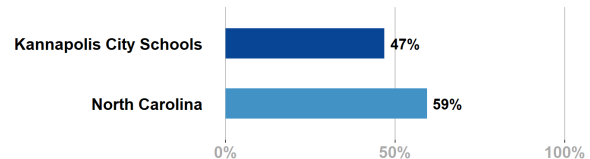
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