Forsyth County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Forsyth County Attainment Goal: 70,763 (Stretch Goal: 71,485)
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
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2022 Estimate: 389,157
Change: 6,573

Growth Rate
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Forsyth County residents ages 25-44, 2022

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

In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
82.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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Adult Learners
Winston-Salem Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
704 Basic Skills
8,867 Continuing Education
3,532 Curriculum
17% of Forsyth County residents have student loan debt. 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Forsyth County High School Graduates
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Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
2,323 certificate
2,089 associate
2,703 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone sub-region
Public, 4-year or above
University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem State University
Public, 2-year
Davidson-Davie Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Surry Community College
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Carolina Christian College, Carolina University, Salem College, Wake Forest University
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