### Population Spotlight
- **2020 Census:** 382,584
- **2022 Estimate:** 389,157
- **Change:** 6,573

### Growth Rate
- **1.7%** County vs. **2.5%** State

### Median Household Income (2022)
- **$62,992**
- **County:** $67,516 State: **67%**

### Home Owners (2022)
- **62%**
- **State:** 67%

### Child Poverty Rate (2022)
- **23.3%**
- **State:** 17.2%

### Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
- **12.4%**
- **State:** 10.9%

### Households with Broadband (2022)
- **72%**
- **State:** 77%

### Unemployment Rate (2022)
- **3.7%**
- **State:** 3.7%

### Educational Attainment
- **Forsyth County residents ages 25-44, 2022**

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### Top Opportunities for Growth
- **Chronic Absenteeism**
  - 40% of Forsyth County students are chronically absent from school, above the urban county average of 28%.

- **NC Pre-K Enrollment**
  - 33% of Forsyth County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.

- **Earning College Credit in High School**
  - 13% of Forsyth County graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs, below the urban county average of 21%.
  - 18% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 26%.

### 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 Forsyth County has been meeting local needs:**
[https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Forsyth](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.

- **1,224** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
- **4,918** graduates in 2020
- **78%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- **$43,544** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

### 49% of adults (ages 25-44) in Forsyth County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Forsyth County is served by:
- Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council
### Adult Learners

Forsyth County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 712 Basic Skills
- 6,283 Continuing Education
- 6,791 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

- 83% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 86% in peer counties, 2022.
- 61% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 62% in peer counties, 2022.

### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 8,001 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 811 of all college-goers attended Guilford TCC
- 619 of all college-goers attended Davidson-Davie CC

### How students in Forsyth County traditional schools are doing:

- 33% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 884 more needed to meet state goal of 80% in 2023.
- 27% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 39% statewide; 13,970 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2023.
- 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 13,158 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2023.
- 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 334 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2023.
- 40% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide, 15,581 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2023.

Forsyth County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 316:1 versus 286:1 in peer counties, 2023.

3% of students drop out of high school (554 total students), compared to 2% statewide, 2023.

### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

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### 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
- **Private not-for-profit, 2-year**

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Forsyth County, 2022

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

- **Overall**
  - Forsyth County: 78%
  - North Carolina: 78%
- **Female**
  - Forsyth County: 80%
  - North Carolina: 80%
- **Male**
  - Forsyth County: 76%
  - North Carolina: 76%
- **American Indian**
  - Forsyth County: 76%
  - North Carolina: 76%
- **Asian**
  - Forsyth County: 88%
  - North Carolina: 88%
- **Black**
  - Forsyth County: 75%
  - North Carolina: 75%
- **Hispanic**
  - Forsyth County: 75%
  - North Carolina: 75%
- **White**
  - Forsyth County: 78%
  - North Carolina: 78%
- **Low-Income**
  - Forsyth County: 78%
  - North Carolina: 78%
- **Not Low-Income**
  - Forsyth County: 78%
  - North Carolina: 78%

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### School Choice

- 66,024 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Forsyth 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 Forsyth County completed 5,864 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (1,212 (21%) were industry-valued credentials) and 1,709 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

- 2,940 high school students took at least one AP test (18%) versus 26% in peer counties (2023).
- 490 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (13%) versus 21% in peer counties (2023).

### For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: