Iredell County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Iredell County Attainment Goal: 36,127 (Stretch Goal: 36,446)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
- 2020 Census: 186,699
- 2022 Estimate: 195,897
- Change: 9,198

Growth Rate
- 4.9% vs. 2.5%
  - County
  - State

Educational Attainment
Iredell County residents ages 25-44, 2022

- No Degree: 21,074 (45.5%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 25,198 (54.5%)

- Less than high school: 9%
- High school graduate (including GED): 22%
- Some college, no credential: 14%
- Short-term credential: 8%
- Associate degree: 11%
- Bachelor’s degree: 27%
- Graduate or professional degree: 10%

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

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

- School Counselors: Iredell County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 408:1, above the suburban county average of 327:1.
- FAFSA Completion: 58% of Iredell County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the suburban county average of 62%.
- Chronic Absenteeism: 33% of Iredell County students are chronically absent from school, above the suburban county average of 30%.

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 Iredell County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Iredell

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)

- 56% of adults (ages 25-44) in Iredell County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Iredell County is served by:
- Centralina Workforce Development Board
- Centralina Regional Council

Top areas of misalignment:
- Business Management & Administration bachelor’s
- Finance bachelor’s
- Information Technology bachelor’s

In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
- First-time Curriculum Enrollments (2018-2022)
- Top 3 Employers in Iredell County
  - Lowe’s Companies Inc: 1000+
  - Iredell-Statesville Schools: 1000+
  - Wal-Mart Associates Inc: 1000+

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

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In Iredell County
- UNC System College Enrollment
  - First-time Curriculum Enrollments
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In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
- NC Community College Enrollment
  - First-time Curriculum Enrollments
  - Basic Skills
  - Continuing Education
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Adult Learners
Iredell County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 341 Basic Skills
- 4,038 Continuing Education
- 3,912 Curriculum
14% of Iredell County residents have student loan debt. 7% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2022.

Success of Iredell County High School Graduates
- 84% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 64% 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
- 4,450 of all college-goers attended Mitchell CC
- 446 of all college-goers attended Central Piedmont CC
- 355 of all college-goers attended Rowan-Cabarrus CC

- 58% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 452 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%

- 70% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022
- 59% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022

42% of Iredell County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

How students in Iredell County traditional schools are doing:
- 51% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 152 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 6,196 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; 5,176 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 89% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 133 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 6,121 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Iredell County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 408:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2022
- 2% of students drop out of high school (228 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

School Choice
36,252 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Iredell County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Iredell County completed 3,784 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 1,327 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Hospitality & Tourism.

Postsecondary assets in Charlotte Prosperity Zone sub-region
Public, 4-year or above
Carolina's College of Health Sciences, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
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

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/
How students in Iredell-Statesville Schools are currently doing:

- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 3,640 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; 4,042 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 133 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 34% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 4,997 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Iredell-Statesville Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 398:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Iredell-Statesville Schools completed 3,037 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 1,101 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Hospitality & Tourism.

- 862 high school students took at least one AP course (12%) (2022).
- 793 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (25%) (2022).

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

- 84% of college students persist to their second year of attendance. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- Mitchell CC
- Central Piedmont CC
- Rowan-Cabarrus CC

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City/District School Profile

Mooresville Graded School District | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 10  Total Students: 5,823

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Mooresville Graded School District are currently doing:

• 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,051 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

• 43% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,134 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

• Mooresville Graded School District has met the goal for high school graduation within four years. (Goal: 95%). 2023

• 29% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,124 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Mooresville Graded School District has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 448:1 versus 327:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Mooresville Graded School District completed 747 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 226 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

• 353 high school students took at least one AP course (18%) (2022).

• 215 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (25%) (2022).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Mooresville Graded School District are planning for and enrolling in college:

• 61% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 91 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

• 53% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022

• 61% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Mooresville Graded School District, 2022

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• Mitchell CC
• Central Piedmont CC
• Rowan-Cabarrus CC

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** Observations <10 or no data available