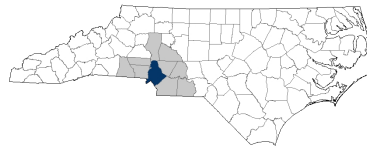


Mecklenburg County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Charlotte
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Urban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 33 (2023)

2030 Proposed Mecklenburg County Attainment Goal: 299,257 (Stretch Goal: 301,057)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 1,115,526
2022 Estimate: 1,145,392
Change: 29,866

Growth Rate

2.7% County vs. 2.5% State



\$80,645
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



56%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



15.5%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



10.1%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



82%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.5%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Mecklenburg 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
115,369
32.6%



Have Degree or Credential
238,453
67.4%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Mecklenburg County to improve future attainment outcomes.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

28% of Mecklenburg County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 41%.



High School Graduation

83% of Mecklenburg County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the urban county average of 87%.



FAFSA Completion

61% of Mecklenburg County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the urban county average of 64%.

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 Mecklenburg County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Mecklenburg

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)



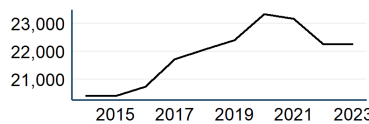
62% of adults (ages 25-44) in Mecklenburg County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Mecklenburg County is served by:

Charlotte Works Workforce Development Board
Centralina Regional Council

UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



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

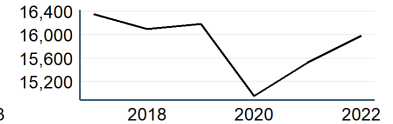
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5%
Data Scientists	4%
Logisticians	4%

Top 3 Employers in Mecklenburg County

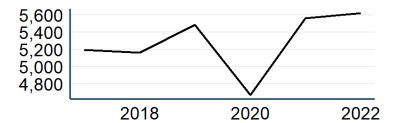
Employer	Employment Range
Atrium Health	1000+
Wells Fargo Bank Na (A Corp)	1000+
Bank Of America Na	1000+

NC Community College Enrollment

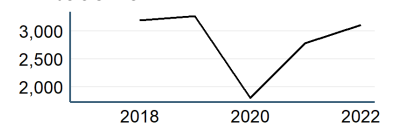
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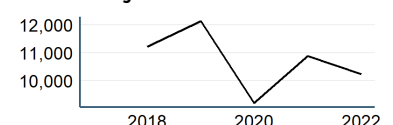
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Mecklenburg County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

3,111 Basic Skills
10,227 Continuing Education
15,987 Curriculum



19% of Mecklenburg County residents have **student loan debt**; 8% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Mecklenburg County High School Graduates

- 86% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 86% in peer counties. 2022
- 58% 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

- 19,606 of all college-goers attended **Central Piedmont CC**
- 1,189 of all college-goers attended **Rowan-Cabarrus CC**
- 788 of all college-goers attended **Gaston College**

61% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 1,908 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

75% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 81% in peer counties. 2022

61% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 64% in peer counties. 2022



40% of Mecklenburg County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 37% in peer counties.

How students in Mecklenburg County traditional schools are doing:

- 28% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 2,393 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 35,844 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 38% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 31,184 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 83% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 1,445 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 26% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 21,917 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023



Mecklenburg County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 238:1 versus 286:1 in peer counties. 2023



3% of students **drop out of high school** (1,194 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

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

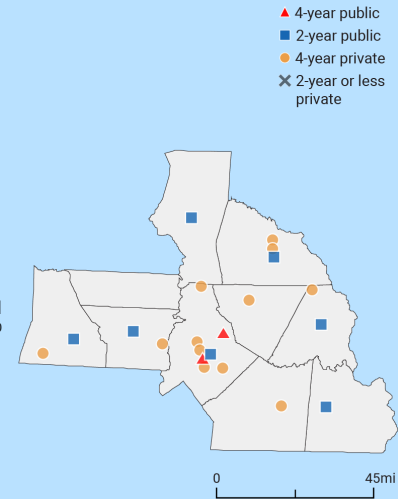
Public, 2-year

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

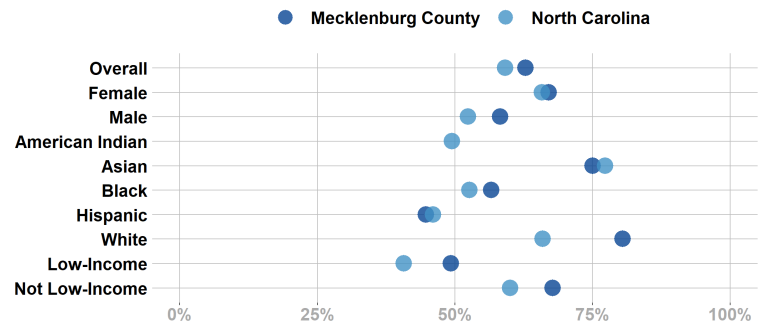
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Belmont Abbey College, Cabarrus College
of Health Sciences, Catawba College,
Charlotte Christian College and Theological
Seminary, Davidson College, Gardner-Webb
University, Johnson 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 Mecklenburg County, 2022

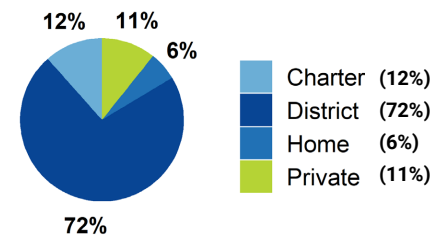


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

194,864 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg County completed **9,833 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** (2,585 (26%) were industry-valued credentials) and **4,410 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Hospitality & Tourism; Marketing; and Health Science.



10,373 high school students took at least one **AP test** (23%) versus 26% in peer counties (2023).



2,223 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (22%) versus 21% in peer counties (2023).

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/