

North Carolina

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Local Education Agencies: 115 (2023)
Charter Schools: 206 (2023)
Home Schools: 94,154 (2023)
Private Schools: 884 (2023)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 10,439,414
2022 Estimate: 10,698,973
Change: 259,559

Growth Rate

2.5%
State



\$67,516
Median Household Income (2022)



67%
Home Owners (2022)



17.2%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)



10.9%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)



77%
Households with Broadband (2022)



3.7%
Unemployment Rate (2022)

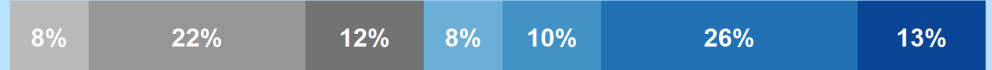
Educational Attainment

North Carolina 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
1,193,945
42.6%

Have Degree or Credential
1,608,100
57.4%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for North Carolina to improve future attainment outcomes.



Math Performance

Increasing the number of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores in Math is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 40 counties.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

Increasing the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 38 counties.



FAFSA Completion

Increasing the number of high school seniors completing the FAFSA is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 37 counties.

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 North Carolina has been meeting local needs:

<https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices>

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In North Carolina:

82.3%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor's



15,898 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

84,346 graduates in 2020

69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

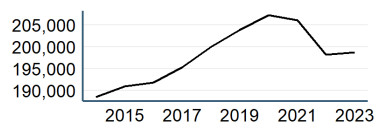
\$43,833 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)



54% of adults (ages 25-44) in North Carolina earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

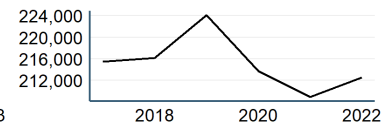
UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



NC Community College Enrollment

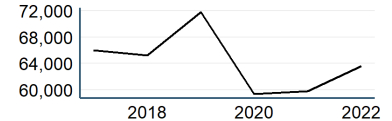
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Top 3 Five-Star Jobs

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Statisticians	4%
Data Scientists	4%

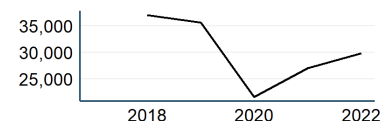
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



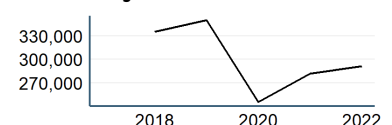
Top 3 Employers in North Carolina

Employer	Employment Range
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.	1000+
Duke University	1000+
Food Lion	1000+

Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

North Carolina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

29,848 Basic Skills
290,960 Continuing Education
212,525 Curriculum



15% of North Carolina residents have **student loan debt**; 8% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of North Carolina High School Graduates

- 83% of students who enroll **persist to their second year**. 2022
- 59% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 32,533 of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- 25,810 of all college-goers attended **Central Piedmont CC**
- 16,044 of all college-goers attended **Fayetteville TCC**

62% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023; 17,391 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023

74% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution. 2022

58% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2022



45% of North Carolina students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year).

How students in North Carolina traditional schools are doing:

53% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**; 10,914 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**; 348,284 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023

35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 319,895 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023

87% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 9,285 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023

32% of students are **chronically absent from school**; 306,022 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022



North Carolina has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **316:1**. 2022

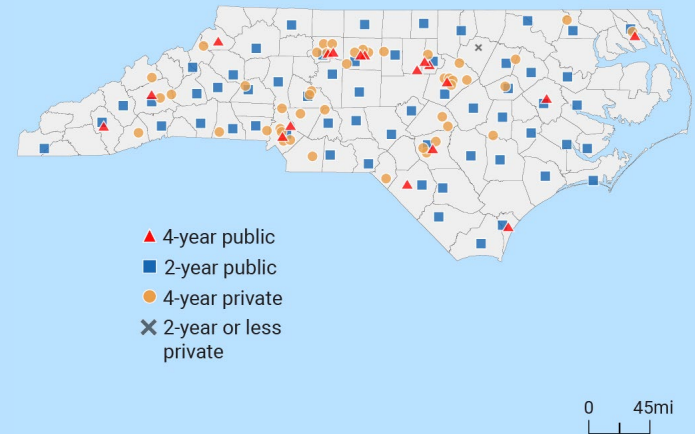


2% of students **drop out of high school** (10,696 total students). 2022

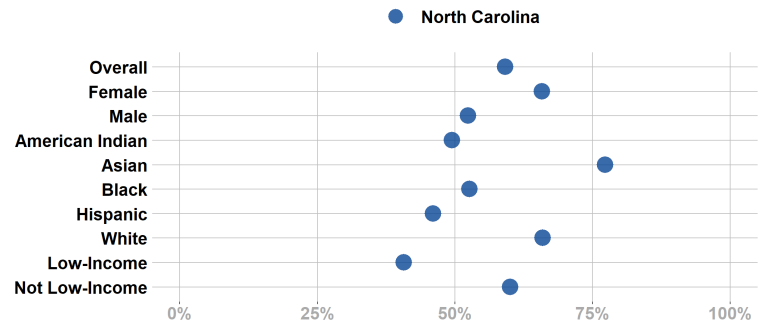
Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

32,607 certificate | 32,545 associate | 58,280 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in North Carolina



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Carolina, 2022

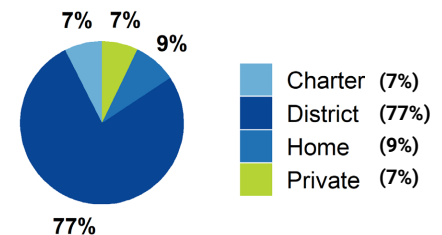


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

1,778,322 total students were enrolled in K-12 in North Carolina in the 2022-23 school year.

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



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in North Carolina completed **238,344 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and **58,137 concentrations** in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



64,985 high school students took at least one **AP course** (15%) (2022).



44,976 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (23%) (2022).

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

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