North Carolina

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

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Charter Schools: 206 (2023)
Home Schools: 94,154 (2023)
Private Schools: 884 (2023)

Educational Attainment

North Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2022

- No Degree: 1,193,945 (42.6%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 1,608,100 (57.4%)

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

In North Carolina:

- 82.3% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.
- 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

Top areas of misalignment:
- Business Management & Administration
- Health Science
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs

- Nurse Practitioners: Annual Growth 4%
- Statisticians: Annual Growth 4%
- Data Scientists: Annual Growth 4%

Top 3 Employers in North Carolina

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

Labor Market Alignment

Carolina Demography

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2 million by 2030

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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/