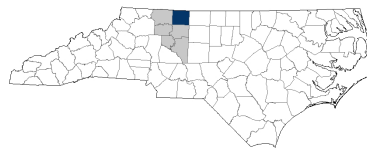


Stokes County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Winston-Salem
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 0 (2023)

2030 Proposed Stokes County Attainment Goal: 6,168 (Stretch Goal: 6,267)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 44,523
2022 Estimate: 45,175
Change: 652

Growth Rate

1.5% County vs. 2.5% State



\$56,259
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



78%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



16.3%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



16.3%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



65%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.3%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

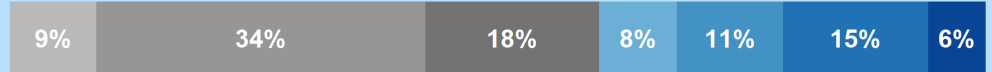
Educational Attainment

Stokes 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
5,606
61.0%

Have Degree or Credential
3,578
39.0%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Earning College Credit in High School

6% of Stokes County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 8%. Also, 41% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 43%.



Adult Learners

18% of Stokes County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.



First-Year Persistence

75% of Stokes County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the state average of 83%.

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 Stokes County has been meeting local needs:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

82.4%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

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



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)



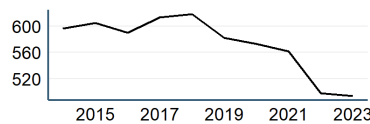
49% of adults (ages 25-44) in Stokes County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Stokes County is served by:

Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
Piedmont Triad Regional Council

UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

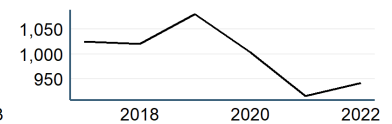
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Logisticians	4%
Data Scientists	4%

Top 3 Employers in Stokes County

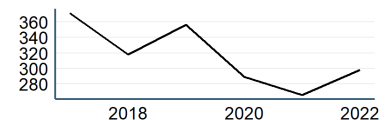
Employer	Employment Range
Stokes County Schools	500-999
County Of Stokes	250-499
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.	250-499

NC Community College Enrollment

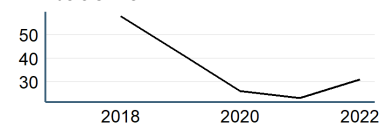
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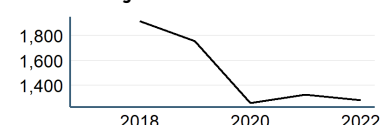
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Stokes County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

31	Basic Skills
1,280	Continuing Education
942	Curriculum



10% of Stokes County residents have **student loan debt**; 5% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Stokes County High School Graduates

- 75% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 60% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus 56% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 1,078 of all college-goers attended **Forsyth TCC**
- 290 of all college-goers attended **Surry CC**
- 44 of all college-goers attended **Guilford TCC**

• 58% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 82 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

• 72% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022

• 60% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022



63% of Stokes County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

How students in Stokes County traditional schools are doing:

• 68% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 15 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023

• 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 1,442 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

• 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 1,363 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

• 89% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 27 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023

• 22% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 657 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023



Stokes County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 271:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2023



2% of students **drop out of high school** (37 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

2,323 certificate | 2,089 associate | 2,703 bachelor's

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

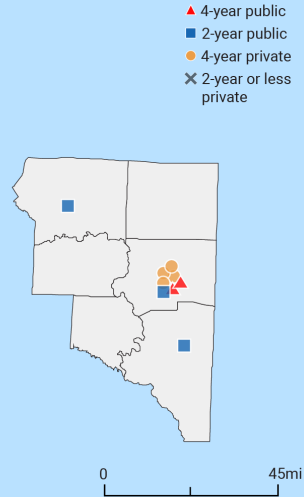
Public, 2-year

Davidson-Davie Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Surry Community College

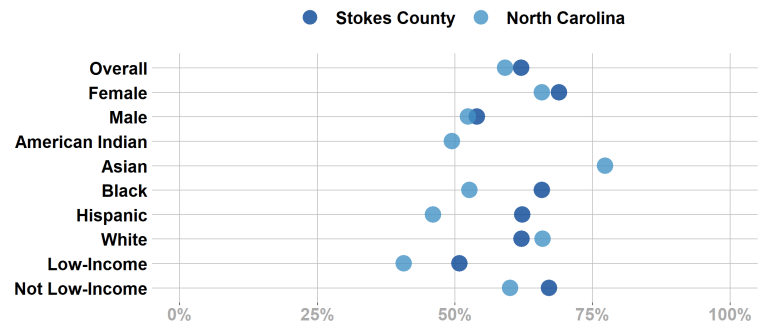
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Carolina Christian College, Carolina University, Salem College, Wake Forest University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Stokes County, 2022

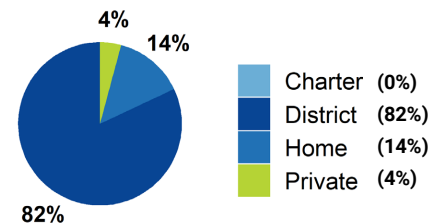


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

6,650 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Stokes 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 Stokes County completed 2,408 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (326 (14%) were industry-valued credentials) and 298 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



106 high school students took at least one **AP test** (6%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).



168 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (41%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

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

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