Yadkin County

**myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles**

### Population Spotlight
- 2020 Census: 37,211
- 2022 Estimate: 37,463
- Change: 252

### Growth Rate
- County: 0.7% vs. 2.5% State

### Median Household Income
- 2022: $61,464
- State: $67,516

### Home Owners
- County: 76%
- State: 67%

### Child Poverty Rate
- County: 22.2%
- State: 17.2%

### Opportunity Youth Rate
- County: 14.3%
- State: 10.9%

### Households with Broadband
- County: 66%
- State: 77%

### Unemployment Rate
- County: 3.3%
- State: 3.7%

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### Educational Attainment
- Yadkin County residents ages 25-44, 2022

#### No Degree
- 4,946 (61.0%)

#### Have Degree or Credential
- 3,161 (39.0%)

#### Less than high school
- 7%

#### High school graduate (including GED)
- 33%

#### Some college, no credential
- 20%

#### Short-term credential
- 8%

#### Associate degree
- 15%

#### Bachelor’s degree
- 11%

#### Graduate or professional degree
- 5%

#### 2030 Proposed Yadkin County Attainment Goal: 4,545 (Stretch Goal: 4,635)

#### 2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

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

#### FAFSA Completion
- 48% of Yadkin County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 58%.

#### Adult Learners
- 20% of Yadkin County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.

#### School Counselors
- Yadkin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 379:1, above the rural - metro county average of 362:1.

### 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 Yadkin County has been meeting local needs:
- [https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Yadkin](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Yadkin)

### In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
- **82.4%** of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

#### 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 Yadkin County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Yadkin County is served by:
- Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Basic Skills 8,867
Continuing Education 3,532
Curriculum 10%

10% of Yadkin County residents have student loan debt; 7% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Yadkin County High School Graduates

• 82% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
• 69% 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

• 1,215 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
• 264 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
• 122 of all college-goers attended Wilkes CC

• 48% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 118 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
• 67% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
• 49% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022

54% of Yadkin County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

School Choice

5,669 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Yadkin County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Yadkin County completed 2,312 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (330 (14%) were industry-valued credentials) and 295 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Health Science.

18 high school students took at least one AP test (<5%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
192 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (53%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Yadkin County, 2022

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

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/