Yadkin County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Yadkin County Attainment Goal: 4,545 (47%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 38,406
2020 Census: 37,214
Change: -1,192

Growth Rate
-3.1% vs. 9.5%

$53,154 Median Household Income (2020)
22.7% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
78% Households with Broadband (2020)
76% Home Owners (2020)
77% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
4.2% Unemployment Rate (2021)

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

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Educational Attainment
Yadkin County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree 67.2% 5,677
Have Degree or Credential 32.8% 2,774

Less than high school 13%
High school graduate (including GED) 30%
Some college, no credential 25%
Short-term credential 8%
Associate degree 14%
Bachelor’s degree 9%
Graduate or professional degree 3%

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Adult Learners
25% 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 445:1, above the rural metro county average of 362:1.

Postsecondary Completion
56% of Yadkin County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-1.2% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-6.7% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
0.3% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-11.7% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
• College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
• College-and-Career-Ready in Math
• Chronic Absenteeism

How students in Yadkin County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Yadkin County needs:
• 1 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 74%), 2022
• 1,093 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 25%), 2022
• 1,261 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 31%), 2022
• 23 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 89%). 2021
• Yadkin County has met the goal for student attendance (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 10%). 2021

Yadkin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 445:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

School Choice
5,695 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Yadkin County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
80 high school students took at least one AP course (5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

198 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (55%) versus 43% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Yadkin County completed 225 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Yadkin County, 2021

63% of Yadkin County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Yadkin County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Yadkin County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 26% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 62% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 56% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Yadkin County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 61 Basic Skills
- 608 Continuing Education
- 962 Curriculum

11% of Yadkin County residents have student loan debt; 11% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

83.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor's)
- Health Science (below bachelor's and 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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 12,639 in Basic Services
- 5,245 in Career Services
- 785 in Education Services

14.6% of young adults ages 16-24 in Yadkin County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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

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