Yadkin County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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

Growth Rate
0.7% vs. 2.5%

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Educational Attainment
Yadkin County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree 4,946 61.0%
Have Degree or Credential 3,161 39.0%

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

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 Yadkin County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Yadkin County is served by:
Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
Piedmont Triad Regional Council

UNC System College Enrollment
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Top 3 Employers in Yadkin County

First-time Curriculum Enrollments

Basic Skills

Continuing Education
Adult Learners

Yadkin County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 80 Basic Skills
- 1,512 Continuing Education
- 978 Curriculum

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

56% of Yadkin County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

How students in Yadkin County traditional schools are doing:

- Yadkin County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 26% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,367 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,203 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
- 19% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 406 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Yadkin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 379:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2022

0% of students drop out of high school (3 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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