Yadkin County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile

INTRODUCTION
From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.

Yadkin County has 13 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, none were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career
High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Access and Success
These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Yadkin County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.

Yadkin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 466:1.

Labor Market Outcomes
Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.

18.2% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 9.4% of peer counties.

Opportunities for Growth
Compared to rural metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Yadkin County to improve future attainment outcomes.

COUNTY OVERVIEW
Yadkin County is in the Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone sub-region. It's one of 28 rural metro counties in NC. Overall, 4% of 25-44-year-olds in Yadkin County have earned a master’s degree or higher as their highest degree; 11% have a bachelor’s degree; 12% have an associate degree; 30% have some college, no degree; 27% have a high school diploma; and 16% have less than a high school diploma.

How students in Yadkin County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Yadkin County needs:
- 9 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 71%).
- 680 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 45%).
- 1,025 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 44%).

To meet state goals, Yadkin County needs:
- 30 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 88%).
- 101 more seniors to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 53%).
- 60 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 12%).

Among Yadkin County high school graduates:
- 57% of graduates enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
- 81% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
- 55% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 50% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:
- 974 individuals served in an Apprenticeship program.
- 4,264 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.
- 24,064 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

There are 324,711 job openings projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of $50,000 or more are: 1) Registered Nurses; 2) General and Operations Managers; 3) Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products.
## Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region

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<th>Institution Name</th>
<th>Undergraduate Enrollments</th>
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<td>Total Enrollments</td>
<td>33,211</td>
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<td>Forsyth Technical Community College</td>
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<td>Winston-Salem State University</td>
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<td>Wake Forest University</td>
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<td>Davidson County Community College</td>
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<td>Surry Community College</td>
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<td>University of North Carolina School of the Arts</td>
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<td>Salem College</td>
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**Notes:**
Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at [http://go.unc.edu/countydata](http://go.unc.edu/countydata)

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## Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Yadkin Wolfpack Literacy Partnership

A new partnership between the NC State College of Education and Yadkin County Schools will improve reading proficiency in the district by enabling 20 teachers in the Yadkin County school district to gain the advanced expertise necessary to effectively implement evidence-based literacy instruction.

We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you’d like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this [short survey](https://myfuturenc.org/about-education/at-county-level/yadkin-county/).

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

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