Anson County

myFutureNC 2026 Attainment Profiles

This profile reflects the county as a whole, not any single institution.

Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro
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Educational Attainment

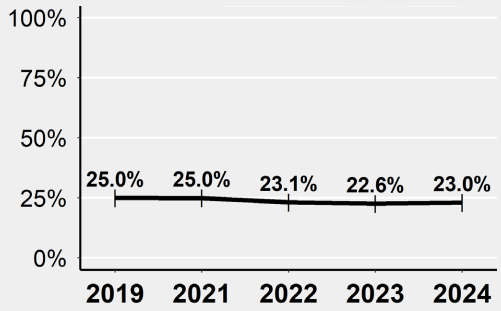
Anson County residents ages 25-44, 2024

Have Degree or Credential
1,383
23.0%

No Degree
4,623
77.0%

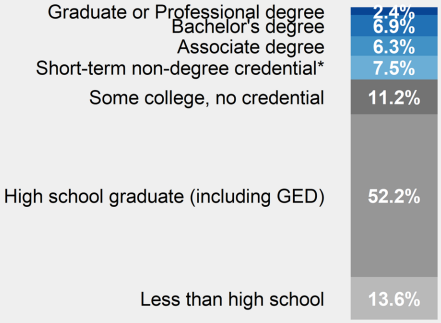
Residents Ages 25-44
6,006

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2024



*ACS excludes non-degree certificates; a 7.5% estimate is used for all counties.

2024 Anson County Attainment Progress (ages 25-44)- 1,802 more residents needed to meet 2030 goal

2030 Goal: 3,185

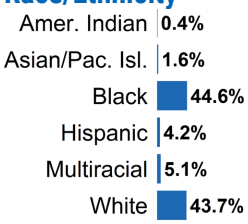
Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 22,050
2024 Estimate: 22,432
Change: 382

Growth Rate

1.7% County vs. **5.8%** State

Race/Ethnicity



$57,324 Median Household Income (2024) **State:** $74,055

68.5% Home Owners (2024) **State:** 66.8%

66.5% Households with Broadband (2024) **State:** 77.8%

32.2% Child Poverty Rate (2024) **State:** 16.5%

23.9% Single Parent Households (2024) **State:** 17.0%

3.3% Foreign Born (2024) **State:** 9.9%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

Top Opportunities for Growth

Labor Force Participation
69% of Anson County adults 25-44 are in the labor force, below the rural - metro county average of 81%.

In Charlotte Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

82.1%
of postsecondary degrees and certificates conferred by regional institutions are **aligned with labor market needs.**

Top Misalignments

Job Openings vs. Degrees/Certificates

- **Education** Jobs < Creds
- **Management & Entrepreneurship** Jobs > Creds
- **Digital Technology** Jobs > Creds

Anson County Resident ApprenticeshipNC Program Enrollment

2 residents enrolled in registered pre-apprenticeships in 2024
7 residents enrolled in ApprenticeshipNC program in 2024

Charlotte PZ-Sub Region UNC and NCCC Outcomes

14,472 graduates in 2023
74.8% of 2019 graduates were employed in NC in 2024
$53,504 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2024

40.9% of adults (ages 25-44) in Anson County earned a **family sustaining wage. Peer:** 48.0% | **State:** 57.8%, 2024

13.4% of youth (ages 16-24) in Anson County were **Opportunity Youth. Peer:** 14.8% | **State:** 10.3%, 2023

69.4% of adults (ages 25-44) in Anson County **participated in the labor force. Peer:** 81.0% | **State:** 84.4%, 2024

Top 3 5-Star Jobs in Charlotte PZ Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5.34%
Physician Assistants	3.68%
Medical and Health Services Managers	3.59%

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Top 3 Employers in Anson County

Employer	Employment Range
Anson County Board of Education	250-499
NC Department of Adult Corrections	250-499
County of Anson	250-499

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Top 3 Industries in Anson County

Industry	Jobs | Percent
Manufacturing	1,239 | 19.8%
Public Administration	1,035 | 14.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	718 | 10.4%

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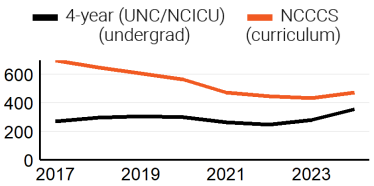
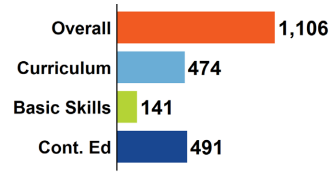
Anson County Residents Enrolled in NC Colleges & Universities (2017-2024)



Anson County Residents Enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2024



Anson County is served by:

- **Centralina Workforce Development Board**
- **Centralina Regional Council**

Anson County 2026 Attainment Profile (all data pertaining to K-12 represents traditional public school students)

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POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth

Postsecondary Completion
44% of Anson County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or certificate within 6 years, below the rural - metro county average of 57%.

Degree Certificates Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2024

8,389 Certificate | **6,551** Associate | **8,810** Bachelor's

Adult Learners

Anson County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2024

89 Basic Skills
467 Continuing Education
138 Curriculum

11.2% of residents (aged 25-44) **have some college but no degree. Peer:** 15.5% | **State:** 11.1%, 2024

12.5% of Anson County residents have **student loan debt**; **1.2%** of debt holders had **student loans in default.** 2024

Success of Anson County High School Graduates

80.0% of 2022 high school graduates who enrolled **persisted to their second year. Peer:** 77.1% | **State:** 81.9%, 2024

43.5% of 2017 high school graduates who enrolled **earned a degree or certificate** within 6 years. **Peer:** 57.5% | **State:** 60.2%, 2024

Top College Destinations of Anson County Residents (Enrolled in Fall 2024)

- **835** of all college-goers attended **South Piedmont CC**
- **110** of all college-goers attended **Richmond CC**
- **67** of all college-goers attended **Stanly CC**

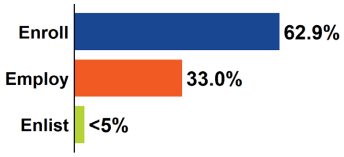
COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

High School Graduation
76% of Anson County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - metro county average of 87%.

71.5% of 2025 high school class **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 26, 2025. 10 more needed to complete in 2025 to meet state goal of **80%. Peer:** 56.3% | **State:** 60.8%

Class of 2024 Traditional Public High School Graduate Intentions

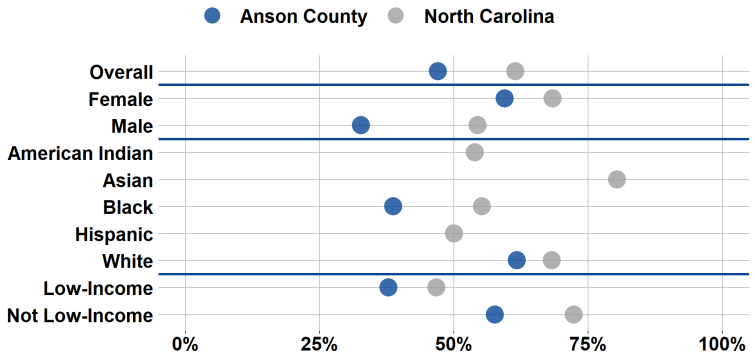


65.0% of children 0-17 have **parents with no college degree** (2- or 4-year). 2023
Peer: 55.2% | **State:** 45.1%

76.0% of 9th graders **graduated within four years.** 46 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. **Peer:** 85.7% | **State:** 88.0% 2024

45.3% of 2023 graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. **Peer:** 52.5% | **State:** 59.7% 2024

Anson County Class of 2023 Traditional High-School Graduates Who Enrolled in College Within 12 Months



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

Chronic Absenteeism
46% of Anson County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - metro county average of 27%.

Anson County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: **75%**). **Peer:** 64.6% | **State:** 58.5% 2025

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Anson County Traditional Public Schools students:

16.8% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2025. 730 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**.
Peer: 25.3% | **State:** 30.8%

20.0% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2025. 853 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**.
Peer: 32.3% | **State:** 37.3%

46.3% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 1,093 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11%**. **Peer:** 27.4% | **State:** 25.7%

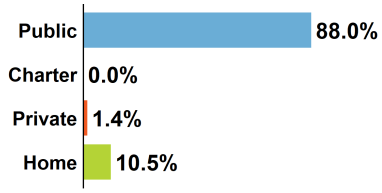
Anson County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **321:1** compared to **365:1** in peer counties. 2025

4.5% of students **drop out of high school** (43 total students), compared to **2.0%** statewide. 2024

School & Student Overview (2025 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 9
Charter School(s): 0
Private School(s): 3
Home School(s): 209

3,282 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **796 Career & Technical Education (CTE) certificates** and **291 concentrations (industry-valued credential data to be updated spring 2026).** The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Health Science, 2024

71 (8%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam. State:** 18.4% (2024).

77 (38.7%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs. State:** 36.0% (2024).

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