

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 5, 2023, Regular Meeting

December 5, 2023, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Turnbow called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M. The following were present:

PRESENT: Larry Turnbow, Chairman
 Charlie Wallin, Vice-Chairman
 Todd Castle, Commissioner
 Braxton Eggers, Commissioner
 Ray Russell, Commissioner
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney
 Andrea Capua, County Attorney (*arrived at 5:54 P.M.*)
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Russell opened with a prayer and Commissioner Castle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Turnbow called for additions and/or corrections to the November 21, 2023, regular minutes and closed session minutes.

Commissioner Castle, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wallin, moved to approve the November 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Commissioner Castle, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wallin, moved to approve the November 21, 2023, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Turnbow called for additions and/or corrections to the December 5, 2023, agenda.

County Manager Geouque requested to add an out-of-state travel request from Parks and Recreation to Miscellaneous Administrative Matters.

Commissioner Russell, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wallin, moved to approve the December 5, 2023, agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Election of Officers

County Manager Geouque called for nominations for Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to nominate Commissioner Turnbow for Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Turnbow.

Chairman Turnbow called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to nominate Commissioner Wallin for Vice-Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Staff Appointments

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to reappoint the following:

- Deron Geouque as the County Manager
- Anita Fogle as Clerk to the Board
- Monica Harrison and Macy Chirco as Substitute Clerks to the Board
- di Santi, Capua, & Garrett as the Law Firm representing Watauga County as legal counsel for Watauga County
- di Santi, Capua, & Garrett as the Law Firm representing as legal counsel for Watauga County Department of Social Services and the Child Support Enforcement Offices with rates to remain as current and authorized di Santi, Capua, & Garrett to appoint another attorney, at the same rate, in the event their firm had a conflict of interest.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Fidelity Bonds

The following individual fidelity bonds were presented for approval:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>	<u>Statutory Requirement</u>
Finance Director	\$1,000,000	No less than \$50,000, per NCGS 159-29
Deputy Finance Director (County Manager)	\$50,000	
Tax Collector	\$50,000	Amount considered reasonable by BCC, NCGS 105-349-c
Register of Deeds	\$50,000	At least \$10,000 but no more than \$50,000, NCGS 161-4
Sheriff	\$25,000	Amount considered reasonable by BCC, but no more than \$25,000 max, NCGS 162-8

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to approve the individual fidelity bonds as presented and to approve the Finance Director, County Manager, and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as the authorized signers for disbursements on all County accounts and to approve additional signers and Deputy Finance Officers, on the Inmate Commissary account only, as Randy Greene, James Sharpe, Barry Trivette, and Michael Brown and to approve the official depositories of the County as First National Bank, Truist Bank, NC Capital Management Trust Fund, and Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Commissioner Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Chairman Turnbow requested Commissioners review the below list of Commissioner Board appointments, with Commissioner Russell now the representative to the High Country Council of Governments Boards, and let him know preferences for serving.

Board/Commission	Member
Appalachian District Health Department	Castle
Appalachian Theatre Board of Trustees Ex-Officio Member	Wallin
AppalCART Authority	Wallin
Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development Area	Turnbow
Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute - Watauga Advisory Board	Eggers
Children's Council	Castle
Child Protection Team	Russell
Cooperative Extension Advisory Leadership Board	Castle
Economic Development Commission (EDC)	Turnbow

Board/Commission	Member
Educational Planning Committee (2 appointees)	Wallin & Russell
EMS Advisory Committee	Castle
High Country Council of Governments Executive Board Rural Transportation Advisory Committee	Russell
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)	Russell
Humane Society	Turnbow
Library Board	Eggers
Motor Vehicle Valuation Review Committee	BCC
New River Service Authority Board	Wallin
Northwest Regional Housing Authority (five-year term expires Dec. 12, 2024)	Pat Vines
POA Advisory Committee (Home & Community Care Block Grant)	Eggers
Sheriff's Office Liaison	Turnbow
Vaya Regional Board (Region 3)	Russell & Wallin
Social Services Advisory Board	Wallin
Watauga County Arts Council (added February 2020)	Eggers
Watauga County Fire Commission	Turnbow
Watauga County Personnel Advisory Committee	Chair or Vice-Chair
Watauga County Recreation Commission	Russell
Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees	Russell
W.A.M.Y. Community Action	Wallin
Watauga Opportunities, Inc.	Turnbow
Workforce Development Board (WDB)	Chairman

Commissioner Eggers stated that the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) Board no longer met and should be removed from the list. Commissioner Russell questioned having no direct line of communication with the CCC&TI. County Manager Geouque stated that the CCC&TI Board invited the Board of Commissioners to attend a joint meeting twice a year and reminded the Board that Dr. Mark Poarch, Executive Director of CCC&TI always made himself available to the Board and County Manager for questions. Commissioner Russell requested, due to the amount of money the CCC&TI receives from the County, an Advisory Board be reestablished. County Manager Geouque stated that he would contact Dr. Poarch with the concerns.

Chairman Turnbow appointed representatives to the above Boards and Commissions as presented.

E. Regular Meeting Schedule

Chairman Turnbow stated that the Board of Commissioners' regular meetings were currently scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to retain the regular meeting schedule for the Watauga County Board of Commissioners as follows: the first Tuesday and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

County Manager Geouque reminded the Board that the first December meeting in even numbered years had to be rescheduled to the first Monday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BID AWARD REQUEST FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION STREAMFLOW REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STRAP) FOR THE STONE MOUNTAIN BRANCH PROJECT

In July of 2022, the Board accepted a contract with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences for \$159,750 under StRAP. Previous projects have been awarded under this contract.

Ms. Mikey Woodie, Soil and Water Conservation, presented the following bids received for the fourth project under the StRAP Program which is the Stone Mountain Branch Stream Debris Removal Project.

List of Bidding Contractors	Contractor Location	Total Bid Amount	Meets License and Insurance Requirements
W. Brown Construction, LLC	Eastbend, NC	\$60,000	Yes
Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC	Greenville, SC	\$132,180	Yes
WMF Land Service, LLC	Clyde, NC	\$38,889	Yes
Hicks Construction Enterprises Inc.	Sugar Grove, NC	\$52,000	Yes

Ms. Woodie recommended the bid be awarded to WMF Land Service, LLC, in the amount of \$38,889. The award of this project would leave \$28,150 remaining of the \$159,750 awarded initially in the 2022 StreamFlow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) contract which would leave funds for one final project. No County funds were required.

Commissioner Russell, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wallin, moved to award the bid to WMF Land Service, LLC in the amount of \$38,889 from the StreamFlow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) contract for the Stone Mountain Branch Stream Debris Removal Project.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

FY 2024 SENIOR'S HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM (SHIIP) GRANT/CONTRACT

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, requested acceptance of the grant from the Senior's Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) which was a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The grant was in the amount of \$8,310 and does not require any County match. The funds would be used to conduct outreach, provide open enrollment for Medicare Part D, a volunteer recognition event, counseling clinics, expand Low Income Subsidy (LIS) outreach and enrollment, and the cost of the SHIIP Coordinator's attendance at the SHIIP Coordinator's Training Conference.

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to accept the grant from the Senior's Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) in the amount of \$8,310 with no County match.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Parks and Recreation Out-of-State Travel Request

County Manager Geouque requested for Mr. Craig Lands, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, to travel out-of-state to Pigeon Forge, TN, for a trip with senior citizens.

Commissioner Castle, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to approve the out-of-state travel request as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. January Meeting Schedule

County Manager Geouque stated that the Board has traditionally cancelled one of the meetings in either December or January depending on how the holidays have fallen. Due to where Christmas

and New Year's fall during the week, staff would recommend the Board cancel the first meeting in January as there would be insufficient time to prepare the Board packets. Historically, December and the first weeks in January have few issues requiring Board action; however, a special meeting could be called if needed prior to the second meeting in January.

Commissioner Castle, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to cancel the January 2, 2024, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Boards and Commissions

County Manager Geouque presented the following:

Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees

The Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees has recommended Dr. Paul Dagher, Ms. Meagan Phillips, and Ms. Mary Louise Roberts for reappointment as Board Trustees. Each of their terms would be effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. These are first readings.

Commissioner Russell, who serves on the Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees, stated that he was honored to have served with each of these who have performed excellent work as Trustees.

Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to waive the second reading and reappoint Dr. Paul Dagher, Ms. Meagan Phillips, and Ms. Mary Louise Roberts to serve three-year terms, beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2026, on the Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced that the Annual Employee Christmas Lunch would be held at Dan'l Boone Inn on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The first lunch group would begin at 11:30 A.M. and the second lunch group would begin at 1:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:07 P.M., Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to resume the open meeting at 6:58 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Vice-Chairman Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Larry Turnbow, Chairman

ATTEST:
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2023, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

PUBLIC COMMENT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

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AGENDA ITEM 5:

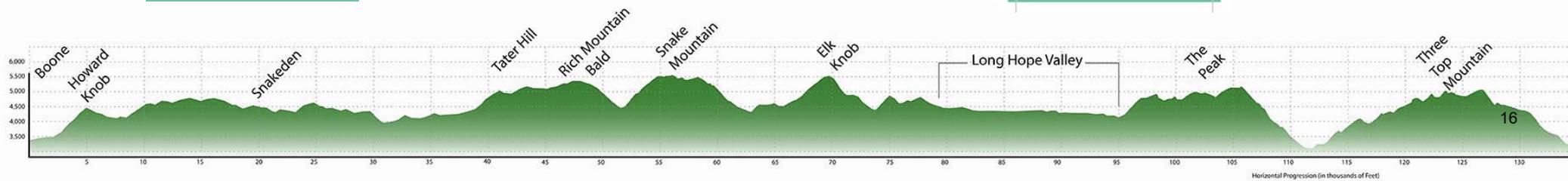
NORTHERN PEAKS STATE TRAIL PROGRESS REPORT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Jordan Sellers, Blue Ridge Conservancy, will update the Board on the Northern Peaks State Trail Project.

The presentation is for information only; therefore, no action is required at this time.

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- The Northern Peaks State Trail (NPST) will stretch from Boone to West Jefferson.
- The NPST will traverse the Northern Peaks, also known as the Amphibolite Mountains, which divide the New River and Watauga River watersheds.
- The Amphibolite Mountains include Howard Knob, Snake Mountain, Elk Knob, The Peak, Three Top Mountain, Paddy Mountain, and Mount Jefferson.
- The final route has yet to be determined, but the NPST will only go through land managed or owned by willing and cooperative landowners. This could include State Parks, NC Game Lands, town and county properties, and private trail easements, etc.

Connect fragmented wildlife habitat
Connect habitat and expand the corridor of protected land along the Amphibolites,



The Nature of the NPST is Connectivity.

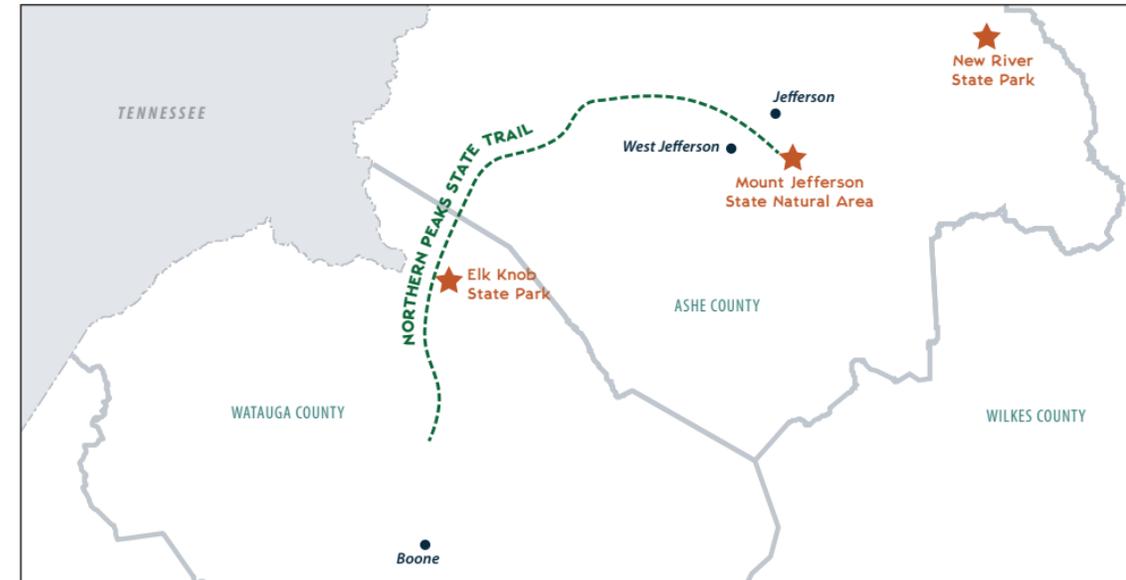
which are home to nationally-significant ecological areas.

Connect visitors and dollars to the High Country

The NPST will be the premier hiking trail of NW NC. In NC, regional and state trails directly contribute millions of dollars to local businesses, including retail shops, hotels, and restaurants.

Connect people to nature and the importance of conservation

The NPST will seek to educate users about invasive species, what makes the Amphibolites unique, and how to practice *Leave No Trace* Principles.



LEGEND

- Planned Trail
- ★ State Park
- County Line
- City



Paddy Mountain Park

1. Interlocal agreement with West Jefferson and Ashe County
2. Awarded \$100,000 Recreational Trails Program Grant for trails construction.
3. Awarded \$500,000 NC Parks and Rec Trust Fund Grant for park infrastructure.
4. \$90,000 pledge from West Jefferson and Ashe County for park.
5. \$250,000 direct appropriation to West Jefferson for Paddy from NC General Assembly in 2023 NC Budget
6. Celebrated groundbreaking for Trail Town Weekend.
7. Received all permits for trail construction.
8. Trail construction beginning 11/6. Rough estimate is 3-4 months for construction.
9. Submitting permits for park infrastructure, aiming for groundbreaking as soon as possible in 2024.





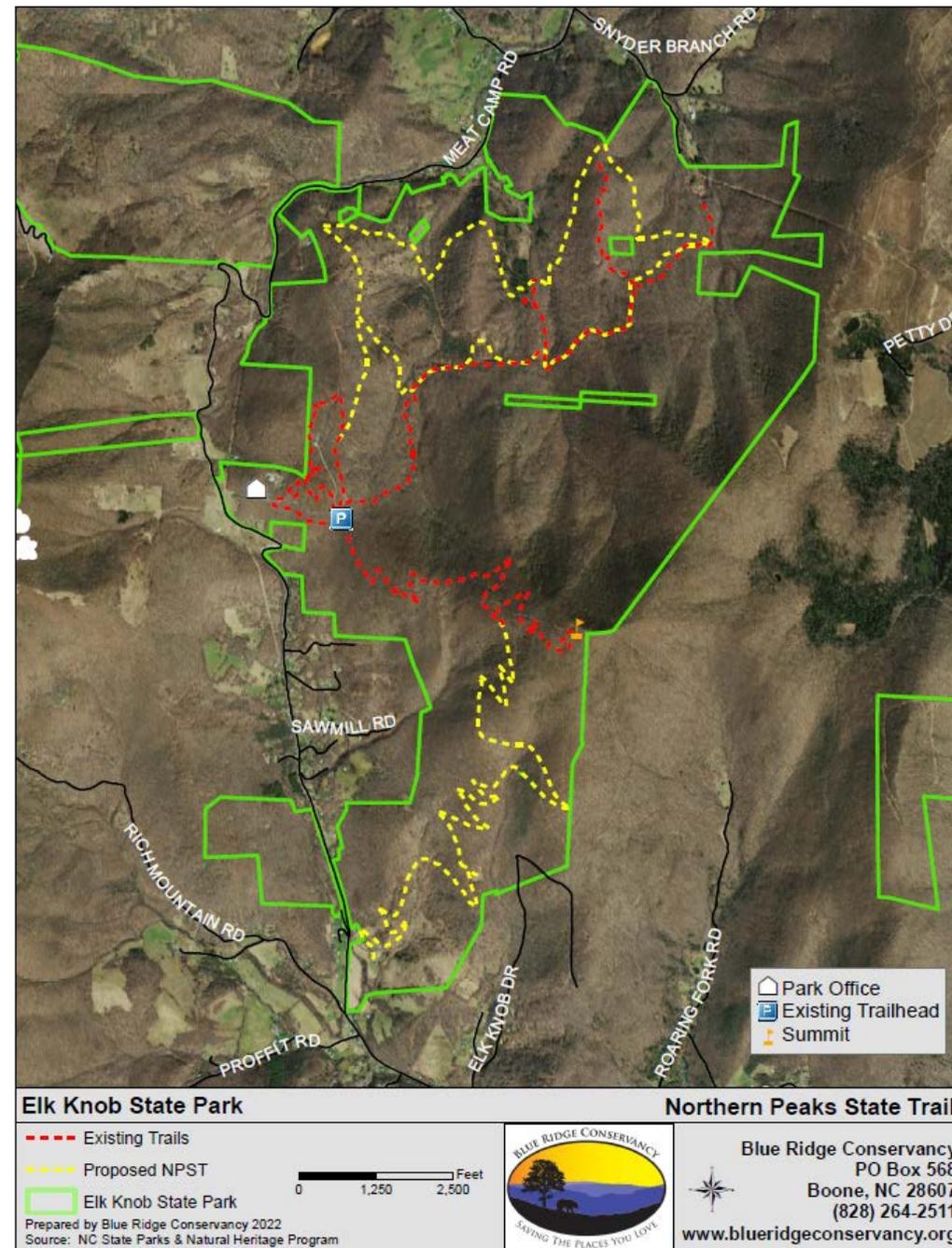
Elk Knob State Park

Fall 2022, PARTF Award for \$3.4 million to ELKN

1. Northside new 4-5 mile loop construction, existing Backcountry Trail renovations.
2. Existing Summit Trail renovations.
3. Southside trail head, parking lot, vehicular bridge, restrooms, pavilion, and Southside Approach Trail.

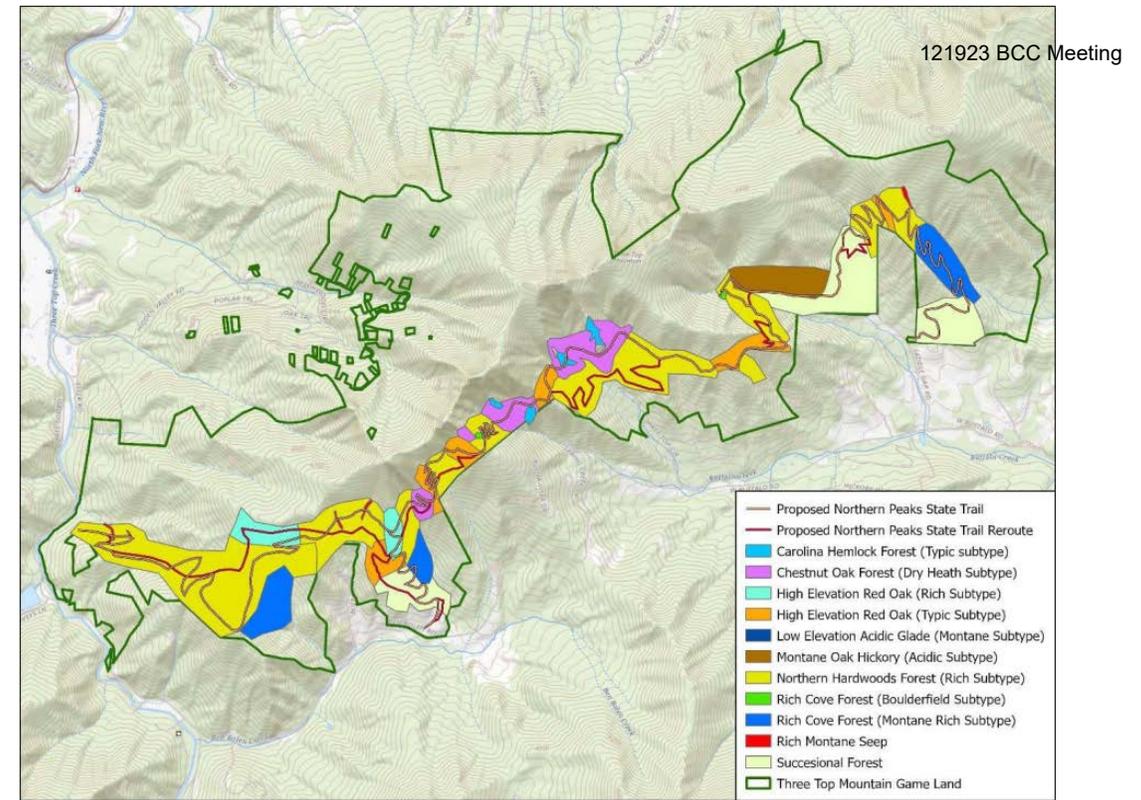
Next Steps

1. Completed biological survey on Northside loop and Southside trail.
2. Flagging Northside loop with State Parks.
3. Goal to break ground on Northside in Spring 2024.
4. Summit trail has been renovated for drainage issues.
5. All else is TBD.



Three Top Mountain Game Land

1. NHP biological study complete.
2. Signed contract with trail builder.
3. Beginning permitting ASAP.
4. Goal to roll from Paddy Mountain to Three Top for trail construction.
5. Utilizing NPST's Complete the Trails Program funding for Three Top Mountain.
6. NCWRC will move and expand Saddle Gap parking area.
7. NPST/BRC will manage the creation of a second parking lot at Ben Bolen, in order to separate hunter and hiker parking.
8. Anticipated trail completion is 2025 or 2026.



Rivers Street Park

1. Applied for Blue Ridge Energy Community Foundation Grant for Rivers Street Park.
2. Town of Boone unanimously passed a resolution in support of the NPST at Rivers St Park proposal
3. Preparing for a 2024 Recreational Trails Program Grant with the Town of Boone
4. The plan is ~1 mile of hiking trail and Southern NPST Terminus



Land Acquisitions

- BRC awarded two grants to purchase ~48 acres on the northside of The Peak.
- This will expand trail corridor and add to Elk Knob State Park.
- Current acquisition focus is between Elk Knob and The Peak as this will result in nearly half of the NPST corridor.
- Acquisition at Mount Jefferson and Howard Knob also very important.

Community Engagement

- Resolutions of support from Ashe, Boone, Jefferson, Watauga, West Jefferson.
- YOTT Proclamations from Ashe, Boone, Watauga, West Jefferson.
- Trail Town Weekend in West Jefferson.
- NPST Hiking Monthly Hiking Series – “Amphibo-Hikes.”
- NPST social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook.



Financial Update

121923 BCC Meeting

- NPST Capital Fund (BRC fundraised): ~\$100,000
- Complete the Trail Program NPST allocation :~\$489,000 (all of which is earmarked for Three Top Mountain).
- New “Great Trails State Fund” established in 2023 NC Budget. Will be another option for trail funding.

Moving Forward

- Priority is to fund feasibility studies for two crucial connections: West Jefferson to Jefferson and Downtown Boone to Howard Knob.



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AGENDA ITEM 6:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MYFUTURENC ATTAINMENT GOAL

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Dr. Case, MyFutureNC, will request the Board adopt the enclosed resolution regarding educational attainment and credentialing.

Board action is required to adopt the resolution as presented.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF WATAUGA

Resolution to Support the myFutureNC Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, myFutureNC is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business and government; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County is committed to ensuring that 79% of individuals ages 25 - 44 have a postsecondary degree or credential by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County, along with other key partners, will help advance the educational attainment of students in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County agrees that North Carolina faces a gap between the projected needs for citizens with high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees and the attainment of those high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Watauga County supports and endorses the attainment goal of myFutureNC that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

Watauga County supports and adopts the local educational attainment goal of 13,384 individuals with a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030 in Watauga County; and

Watauga County along with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community organizations will continue to foster collaboration to achieve the goal by developing an action plan, defining success with measurable outcomes, executing on the action plan, and sharing successful practices with MyFutureNC and peer communities.

ADOPTED by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners on this __, day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

Larry Turnbow, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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2 million by 2030



Watauga County Commissioner

December 19, 2023



my FUTURE NC

House Bill 664

To ensure that the State remains economically competitive, the State shall ensure that by the year **2030**:

2 MILLION

25- to 44-year-olds will have completed a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree

myFutureNC LEADERSHIP

Governed by a **cross-sector board of directors** comprised of NC education sector heads, policymakers, philanthropists, and business leaders. Additionally, the myFutureNC *Advisory Board of Commissioners* includes **59 individuals** representing **36 North Carolina counties**.



Advisory Board of Commissioners

- **Dr. Mark Poarch, President, CCC&TI**
- **Mr. Michael LaBrose, Commissioner, Caldwell County**
- **Dr. Todd Roberts, Chancellor, NC School of Science and Mathematics**
- **Mr. Jeff Toner, Owner, James Tool Machine & Engineering, Burke County**

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North Carolina repeats as America's Top State for Business in 2023

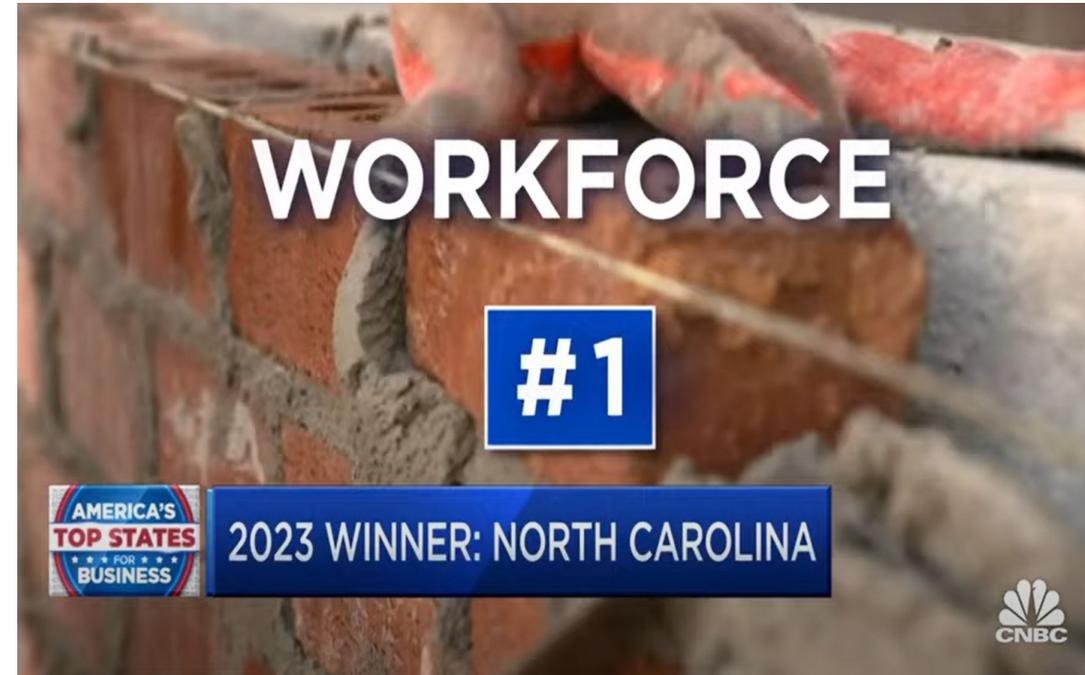


AMERICA'S **TOP STATES** FOR BUSINESS

*Last year's performance includes the creation of nearly 29,000 new jobs and \$19.3 billion in investments – **the result of statewide collaboration, partnership, and hard work by our economic development community, including but not limited to . . .***

- *myFutureNC*
- *North Carolina Community College System*
- *North Carolina Regional Councils of Governments*
- *North Carolina's 20 Local Workforce Development Boards*
- *North Carolina's 100 Counties*
- *North Carolina's 552 Municipalities*
- *The University of North Carolina*

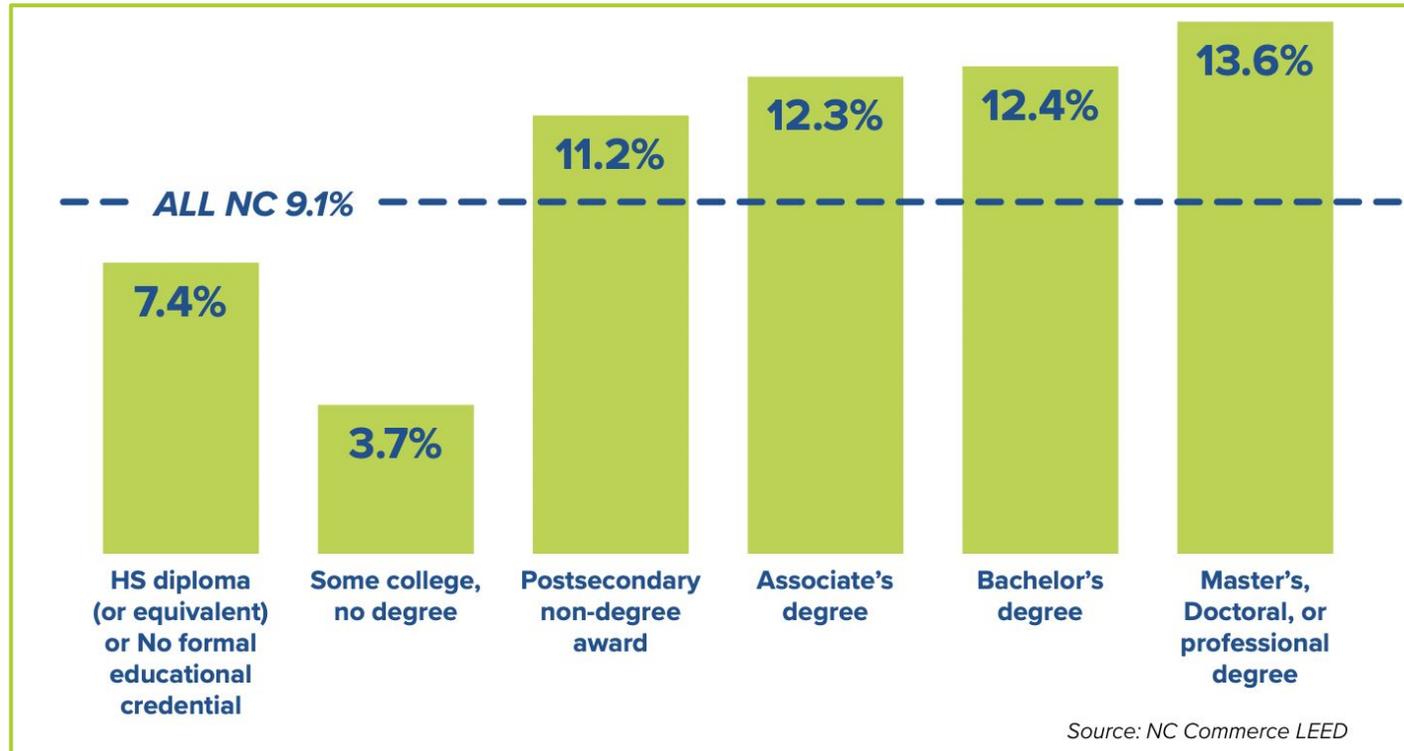
statement from Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders ([LINK](#))



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2 million by 2030

MINIMUM EDUCATION LEVELS FOR FUTURE NC JOBS

The majority of NC occupations will require post-secondary education in the form of credentials or degrees.

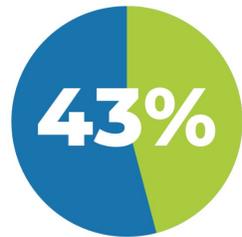


Projected growth rates of occupations in North Carolina by required minimum education 2021-2030

UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES

332,103

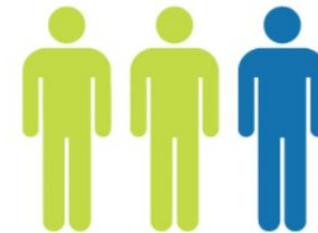
job openings in
North Carolina
(as of August 2023)



of North Carolinians
aged 35-44 did not earn
a **family-sustaining wage** in 2021

1.2 million

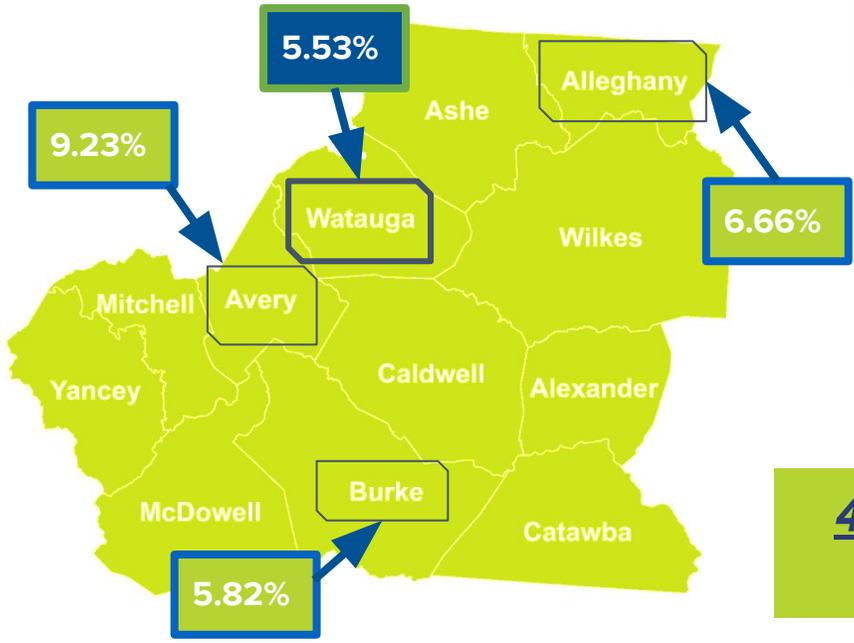
North Carolinians aged 25-44
**without a postsecondary degree
or credential** as of 2021



Nearly 2 in 3 prospective
students identify cost as a
top barrier to enrollment

COUNTY ATTAINMENT GAINS (2018 - 2021)

Educational Attainment: Adults Ages 25-44



- **Population declined 1%** (2018-2021)
- **# of individuals holding postsecondary degree or credential grew 8%** in same period.

4 - NW Prosperity Zone counties with +5% increases over 3 years
16 - NC counties with +5% increases

	Total population (aged 25-44)	Do not hold a degree/credential	Hold a degree/credential
2018	142,046	85,670	56,376
2021	140,670	79,551	61,119
<i>Net change</i>	(1,376)	(6,119)	4,743
<i>Percent change</i>	-0.97%	-7.14%	8.41%



SCAN ME

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: 25-44 year olds

North Carolina: **57% with** | **43% without**

Northwest Prosperity Zone

% of residents aged 25-44 with/without a postsecondary degree/credential	<i>With</i>	<i>Without</i>
Alexander County	35%	65%
Alleghany County	33%	67%
Ashe County	43%	57%
Avery County	40%	60%
Burke County	38%	62%
Caldwell County	38%	62%
Catawba County	47%	53%
McDowell County	40%	60%
Mitchell County	42%	58%
Watauga County	68%	32%
Wilkes County	41%	59%
Yancey County	39%	61%



57% (~80K)

North Carolinians aged 25-44 in Northwest Prosperity Zone **do not** hold a postsecondary degree/credential

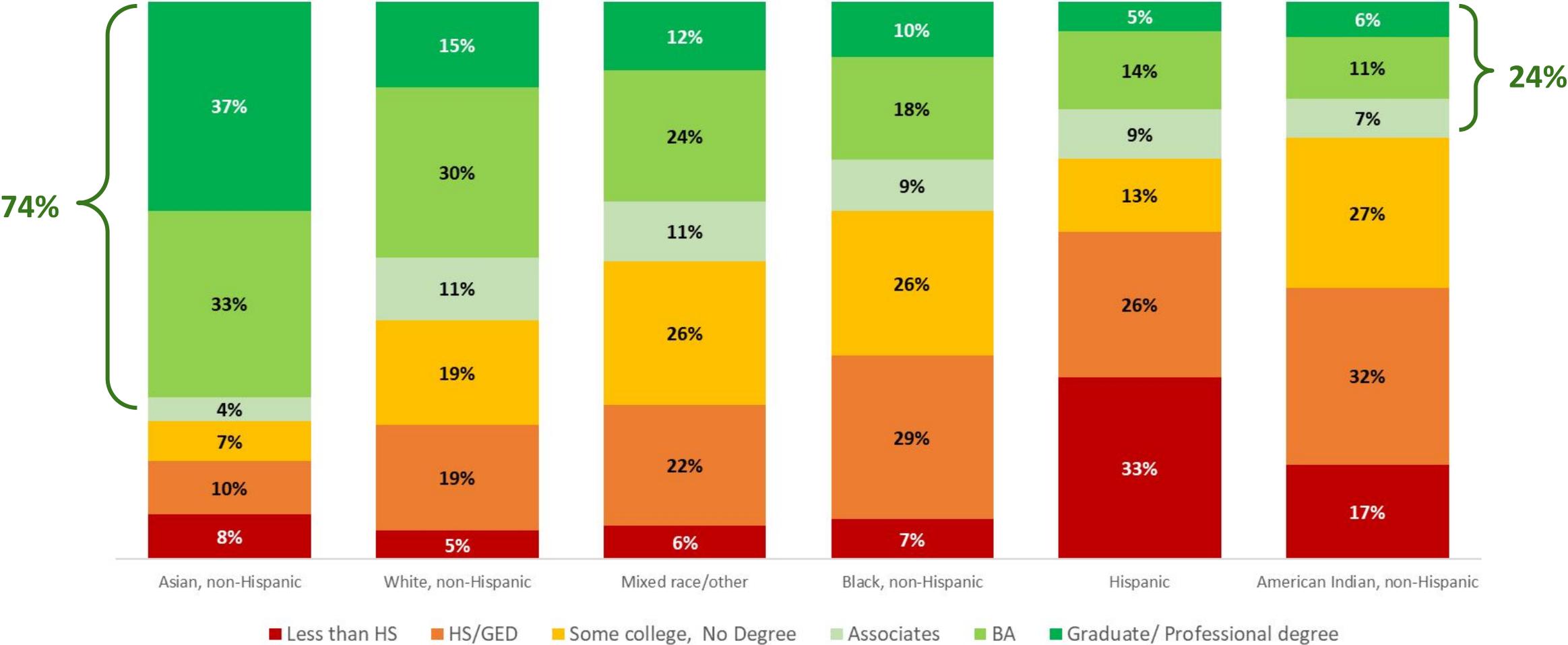
(2021 Census Data)

Approximately **329,000** North Carolinians aged 25-44 have some college, but no degree.

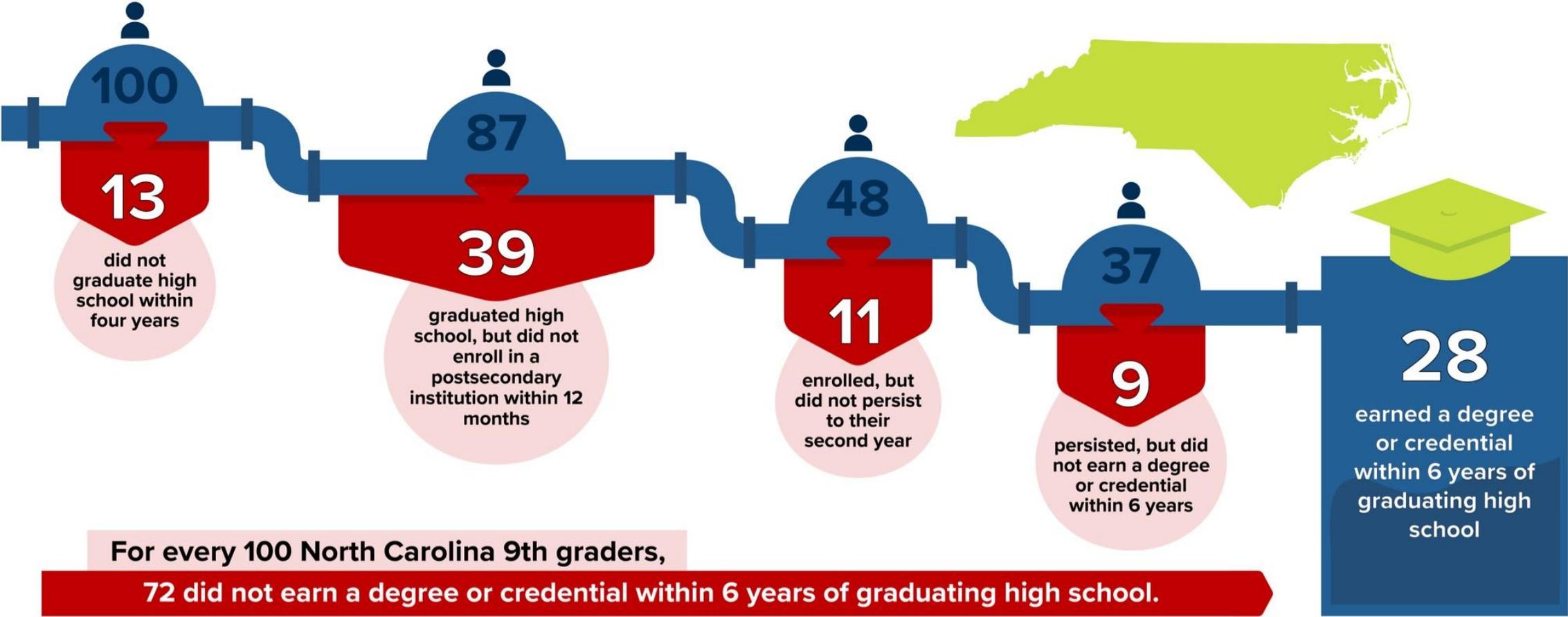
22,386 in the Northwest Region

TRACKING TOWARDS 2 MILLION BY 2030

2021 Attainment by race/ethnicity of North Carolinians 25-44-year-olds

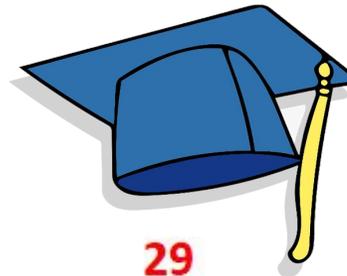


LEAKY PIPELINE



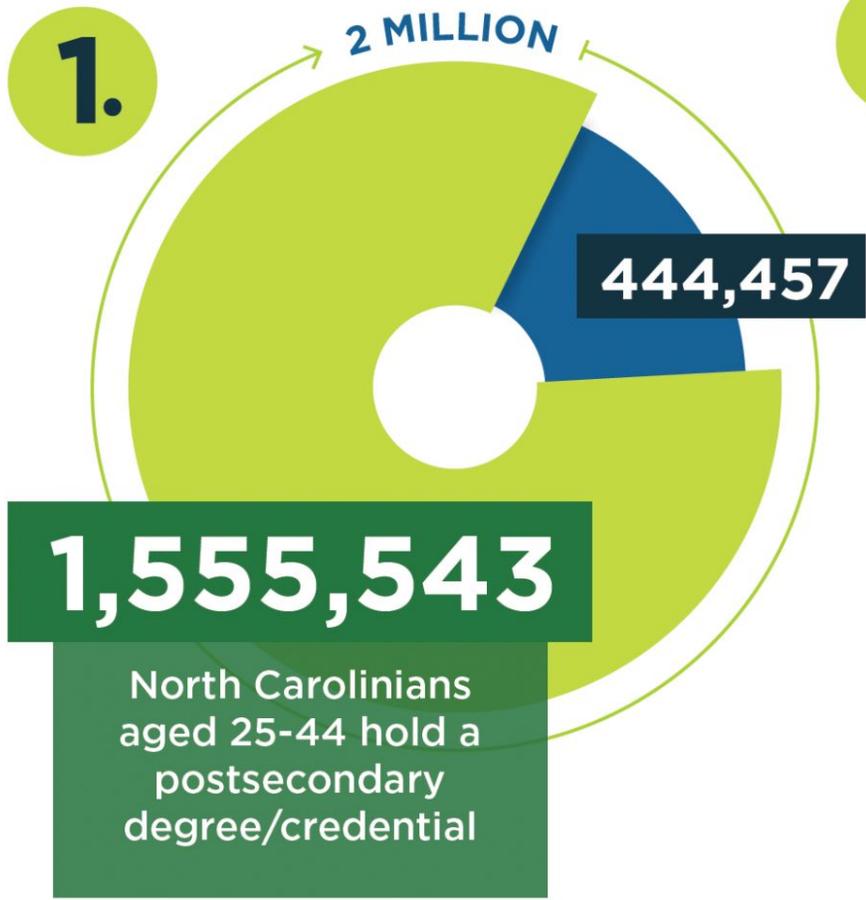
The Leaky Pipeline

	On-time High School Graduation Rate	On-time postsecondary enrollment rate	If enroll college on-time		
			Persist to 2nd Year	Graduate within 6	
Alexander County	87%	52%	78%	64%	29
Alleghany County	88%	59%	77%	53%	27
Ashe County	85%	52%	78%	56%	25
Avery County	90%	62%	74%	65%	36
Burke County	91%	50%	77%	59%	27
Caldwell County	87%	54%	77%	62%	29
Catawba County	87%	55%	74%	65%	31
McDowell County	85%	43%	65%	59%	21
Mitchell County	76%	55%	83%	58%	24
Watauga County	92%	60%	81%	68%	37
Wilkes County	89%	53%	77%	59%	28
Yancey County	88%	44%	72%	65%	25

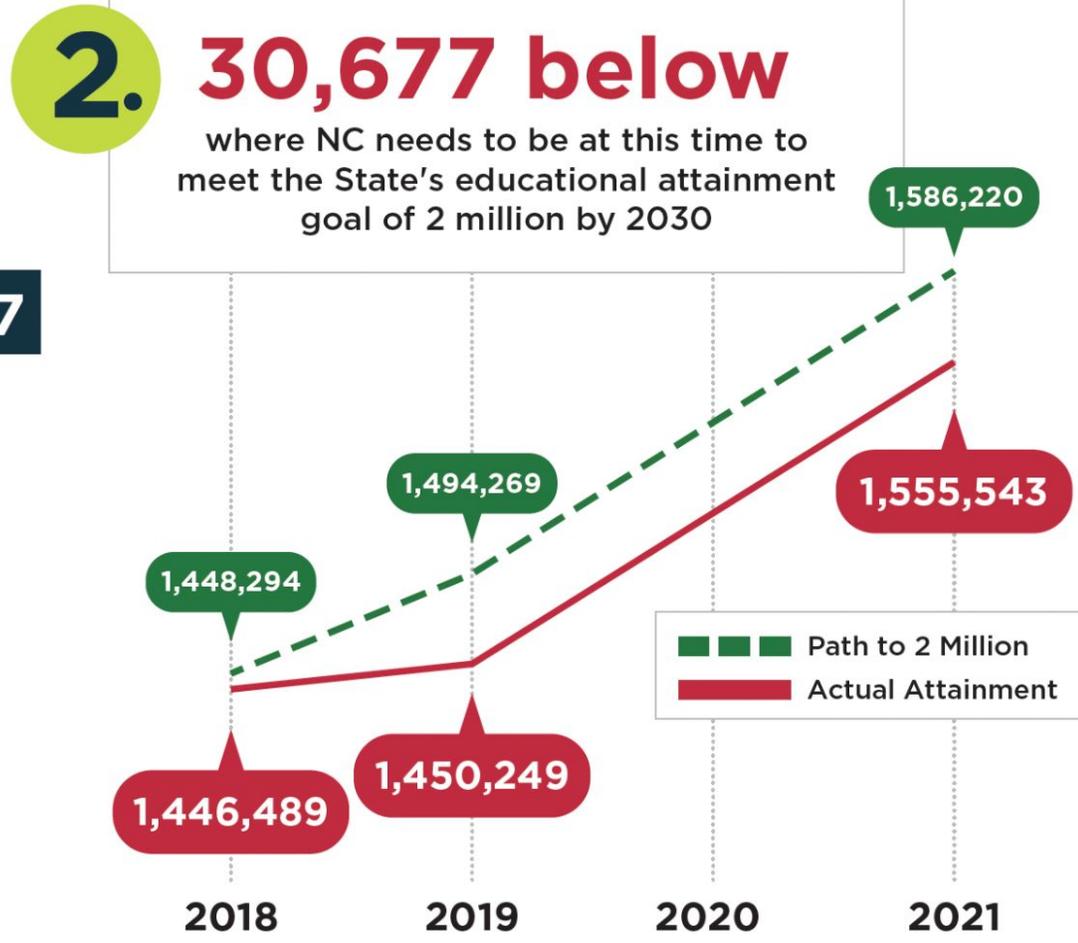


Of 100 9th graders, how many would graduate high school on-time, going to college on-time, and earn a degree or credential within 6 years?

TRACKING TOWARDS 2 MILLION BY 2030



2021 Census data



Locally Owned & Driven Work = 2 million by 2030

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How might we collaborate to increase our collective impact?

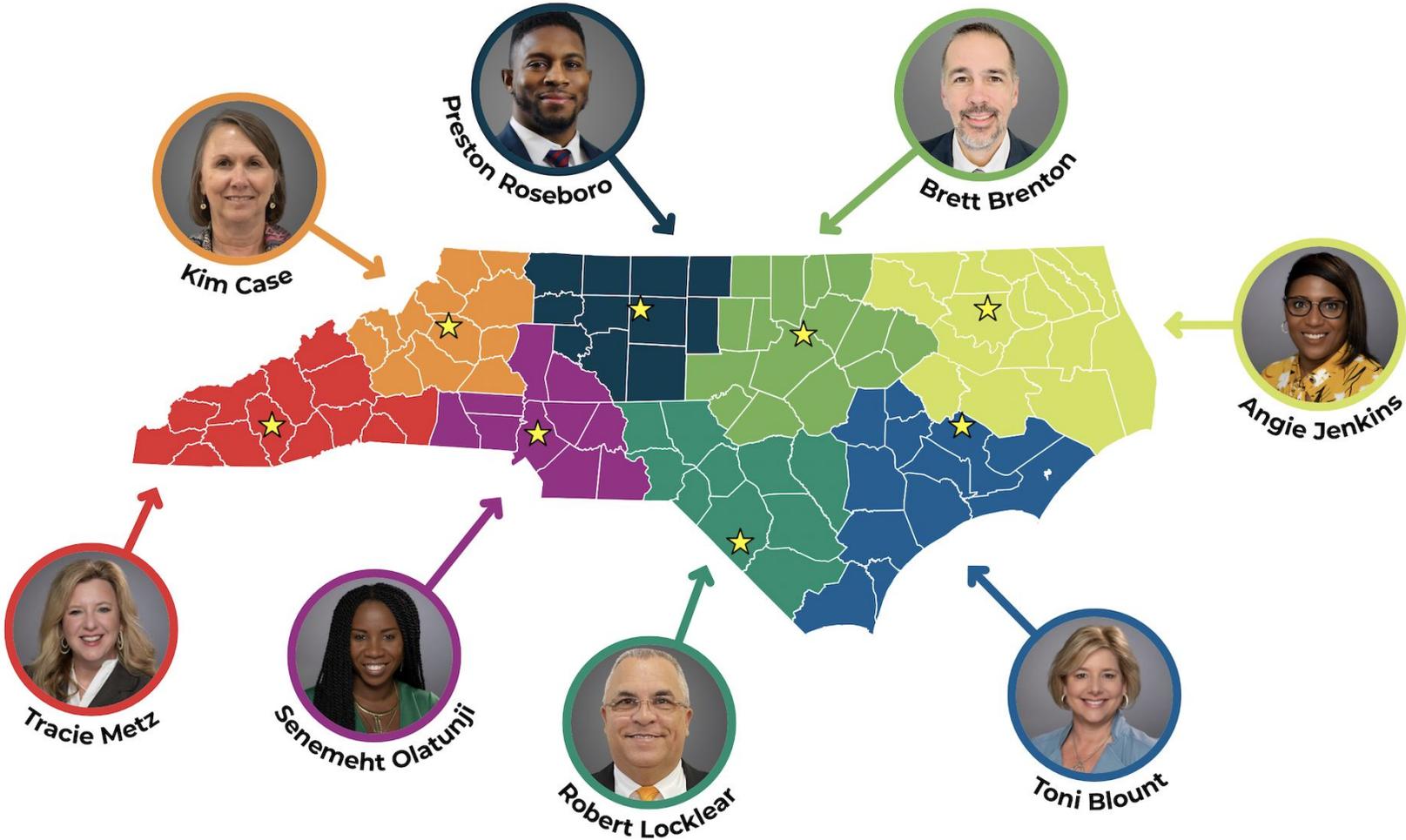


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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

To achieve our goal, myFutureNC will:

- Accelerate Action
- Monitor & Report Progress
- Identify & Advocate for Policy Solutions

We believe a better educated North Carolina is the key to economic prosperity and upward mobility for all citizens.

North Carolina

Updated: Nov 04 2022



Local Education Agencies: 115
Charter Schools: 243

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

Population Spotlight

2010 Census: 9,535,483
2020 Census: 10,439,388
Change: 903,905

Growth Rate

9.5%
State

\$59,616
Median Household Income (2020)

20.0%
Child Poverty Rate (2020)

87%
Households with Broadband (2020)

66%
Home Owners (2020)

79%
Voter Registration Rate (2021)

4.8%
Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment

North Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2021

Less than high school | High school graduate (including GED) | Some college, no credential | Short-term credential | Associate degree | Bachelor's degree | Graduate or professional degree



Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for North Carolina to improve future attainment outcomes.



Math Performance

Increasing the number of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores in Math is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 37 counties.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

Increasing the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 35 counties.



Transition to Postsecondary

Increasing the number of high school seniors enrolling in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 30 counties.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-3.4% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-6.2% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-3.4% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-5.3% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism



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How students in North Carolina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year North Carolina needs:

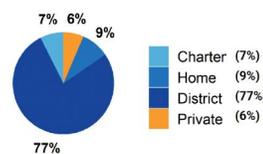
- 14,245 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 51%), 2022
- 278,954 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 29%), 2022
- 339,640 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 87% vs. 32%), 2022
- 8,667 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 87%), 2021
- 213,622 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 27%), 2021

North Carolina has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 321:1, 2021

School Choice

1,779,410 total students were enrolled in K-12 in North Carolina in the 2021-22 school year.

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



Career and College Preparation

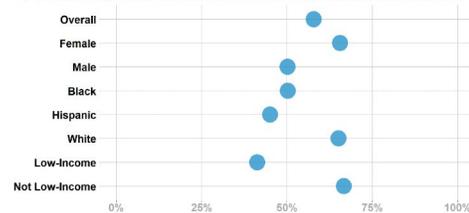
67,484 high school students took at least one AP course (16%) (2021).



32,458 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (32%) (2021).

Students in North Carolina completed 53,728 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Carolina, 2021



Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

ACADEMIC READINESS

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 58% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (20,839 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
<https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/>
- 75% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution, 2021
- 55% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months, 2021
- 49% of North Carolina students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year).

2022 COUNTY ATTAINMENT PROFILES

121923 BCC Meeting

- 100 Unique County Attainment Profiles
- Local Performance on Key Indicators
- Recommended Local Goals
- Opportunities for Growth

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SCAN ME

★ New Attainment Profiles
Coming February 2024

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2 million by 2030

FOUR KEY TRANSITION AREAS

Academic Readiness

Building the foundation Pre-K to 12; high-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.

College & Career Access

Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Completion

Student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion.

Labor Market Alignment

Alignment between the skills of college graduates and the needs of North Carolina employers.

Postsecondary Foundations for Success

- **Broadband** access, affordability, and adoption
- **Data analysis** of key performance indicators for educational attainment



18 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	2025 Goal	2030 Goal	Current data	Year, Source
ACADEMIC READINESS				
NC Pre-K Enrollment	62%	75%	51%	2022, NCDHHS
College-and-Career-Ready Reading	62%	73%	31%	2023, DPI
NAEP 4th Grade Reading	41%	42%	32%	2022, NCES
College-and-Career-Ready Math	71%	86%	35%	2023, DPI
NAEP 8th Grade Math	39%	42%	25%	2022, NCES
COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS				
Chronic Absenteeism	13%	11%	31%	2022, DPI
High School Graduation	92%	95%	86%	2023, DPI
Act Performance	66%	70%	43%	2023, DPI
FAFSA Completion	72%	80%	62%	2023, NCSEAA
Postsecondary Enrollment	44%	47%	40%	2021, Census
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION				
First Year Persistence Rate	79%	80%	75%	2022, NSC
Postsecondary Completion Rate: 4 Ye	78%	80%	77%	2022, NSC
Postsecondary Completion Rate: 4 Ye	77%	80%	75%	2022, NSC
Postsecondary Completion Rate: 2 Ye	46%	45%	48%	2022, NSC
WORKFORCE ALIGNMENT				
Labor Market Alignment	84%	85%	84%	2021, NC Commerce
% Opportunity Youth	10%	9%	12%	2021, Census
Labor Market Participation Rate	85%	86%	83%	2021, Census
Family-Sustaining Wage	60%	66%	57%	2021, Census

LEGEND

- Met/Exceeded 2025 Goals
- 1-5% Away from 2025 Goal
- 6-10% Away from 2025 Goal
- 11%+ Away from 2025 Goal

2022 COUNTY PROFILES - OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

- Adult & Non-Traditional Learners
- Chronic Absenteeism
- **College & Career-Ready in Math**
- **College & Career-Ready in Reading**
- Opportunity Youth
- Earning College Credit in High School
- **FAFSA Completion**
- First-Year Persistence
- **NC Pre-K Enrollment**
- Postsecondary Completion
- School Counselors
- **Transition to Postsecondary**
(On-Time College Enrollment)
- High School Graduation

Highlighted = top 3 for North Carolina

Bold, italicized = top 3 for Watauga County

WHY FAFSA MATTERS TO 2 MILLION BY 2030

Transition to Postsecondary

2 million by 2030

- FAFSA completion required for Federal Pell & state need-based grants and some scholarships.
- **NC leaves over \$100 million in Federal unclaimed dollars on the table each year.**
- **88%** of high school seniors who complete a FAFSA attend college, compared to **49%** of students who do not.

PARTNERSHIPS



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★ FINANCIAL AID SUMMIT ★

Summer 2023

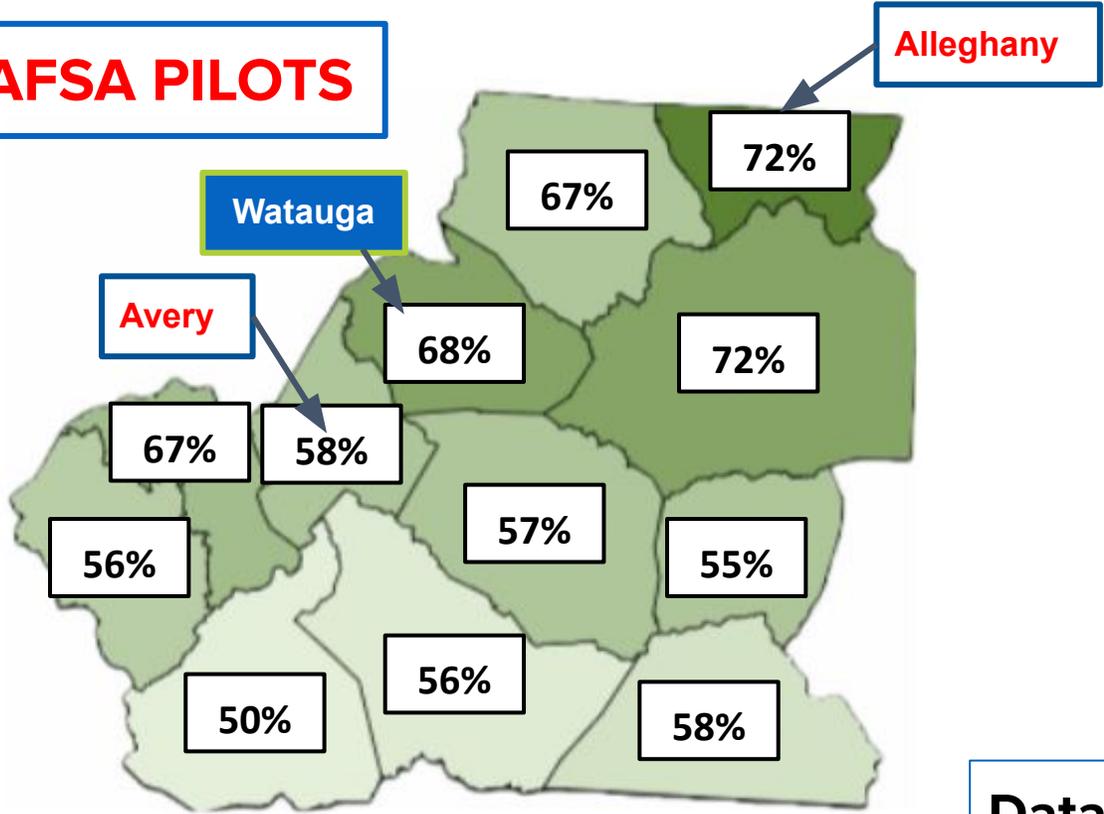
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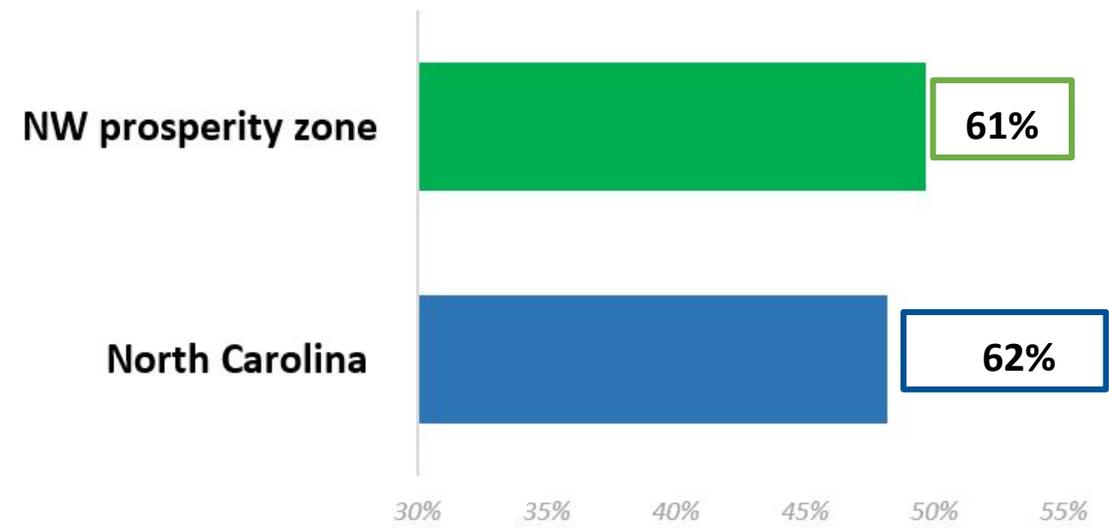
UNLOCK THE OPPORTUNITIES

FAFSA Completions and Spring '23 Pilots

FAFSA PILOTS



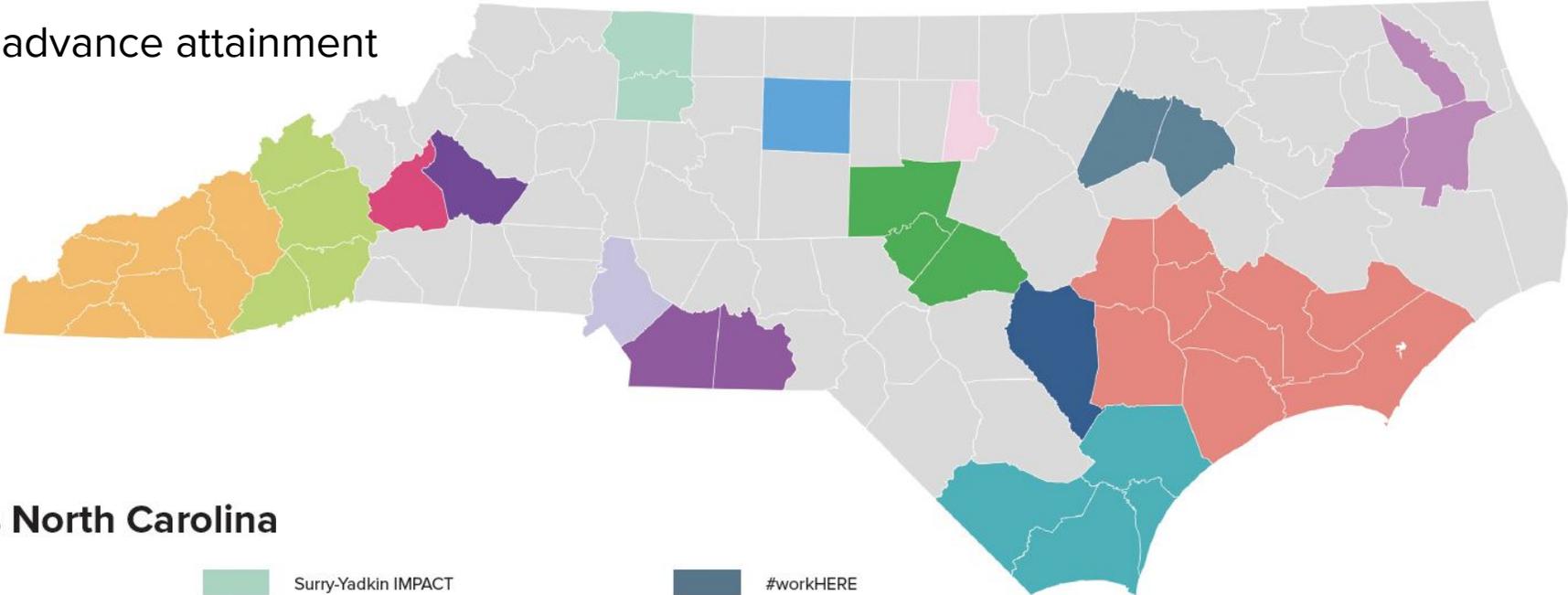
FAFSA Completion %



Data as of Sept. 29, 2023

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT COLLABORATIVES (LEAC)

- 15 Local Educational Attainment Collaboratives (LEAC)
- Representing 42 counties
- Cross-sector partnerships to advance attainment



NW Prosperity Zone - LEACs

LEACs Across North Carolina

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
|  AchieveHIGHTS! |  Surry-Yadkin IMPACT |  #workHERE |
|  Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative |  GuildfordJobs2030 |  OurFutureENC: Educate. Equip. Excel. |
|  McDowell Pipeline: Growing Our Own |  Our Future in UNISON |  Sampson Connect |
|  Work in Burke |  Central Carolina Connections: Chatham, Harnett, Lee County Collaborative |  Our Future Cape Fear: A Roadmap to Meaningful Careers |
|  Queen City Collaborative |  Durham's Opportunity Collaborative |  Empower NE NC: An Educational Collaborative |

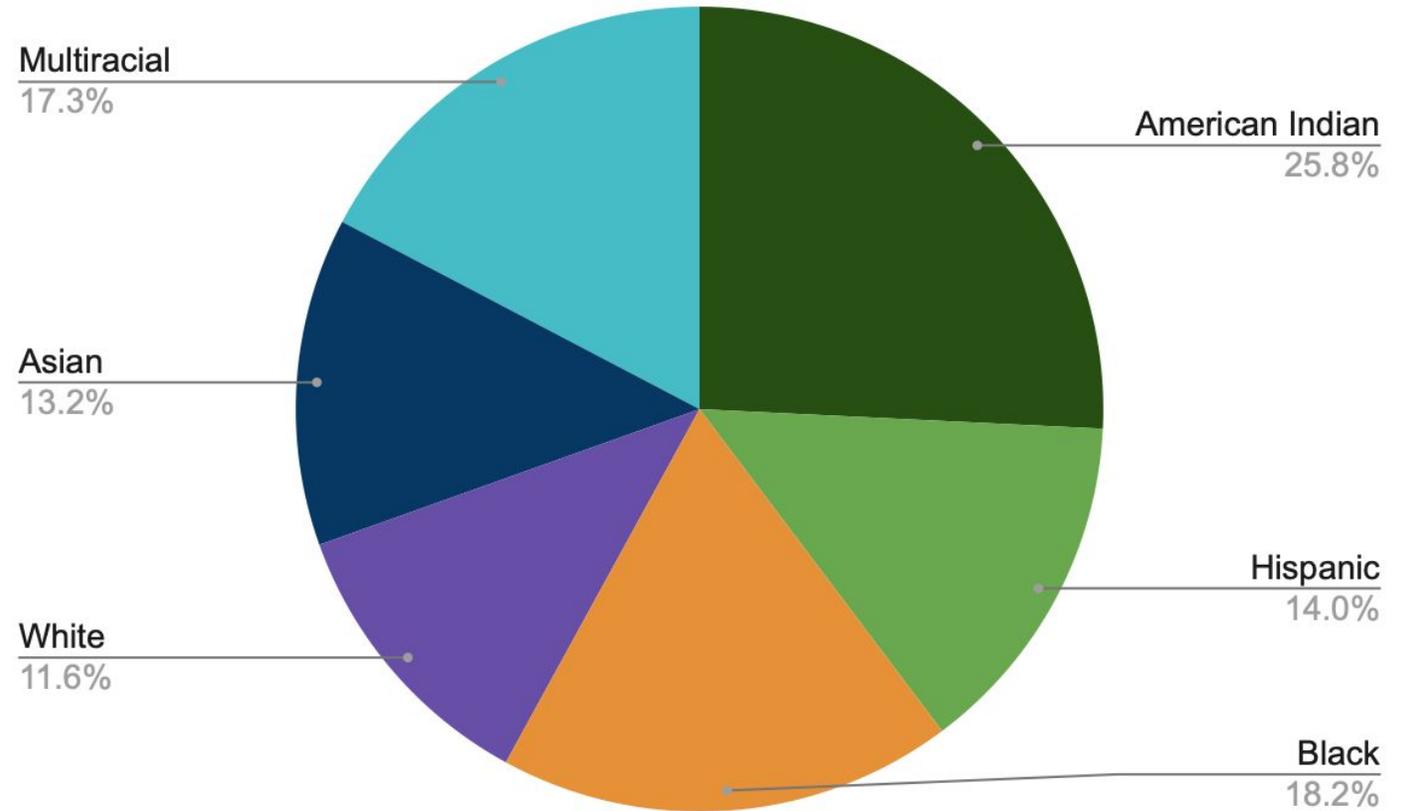
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

Opportunity youth are teen and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not enrolled in school or working.

1 in every 9

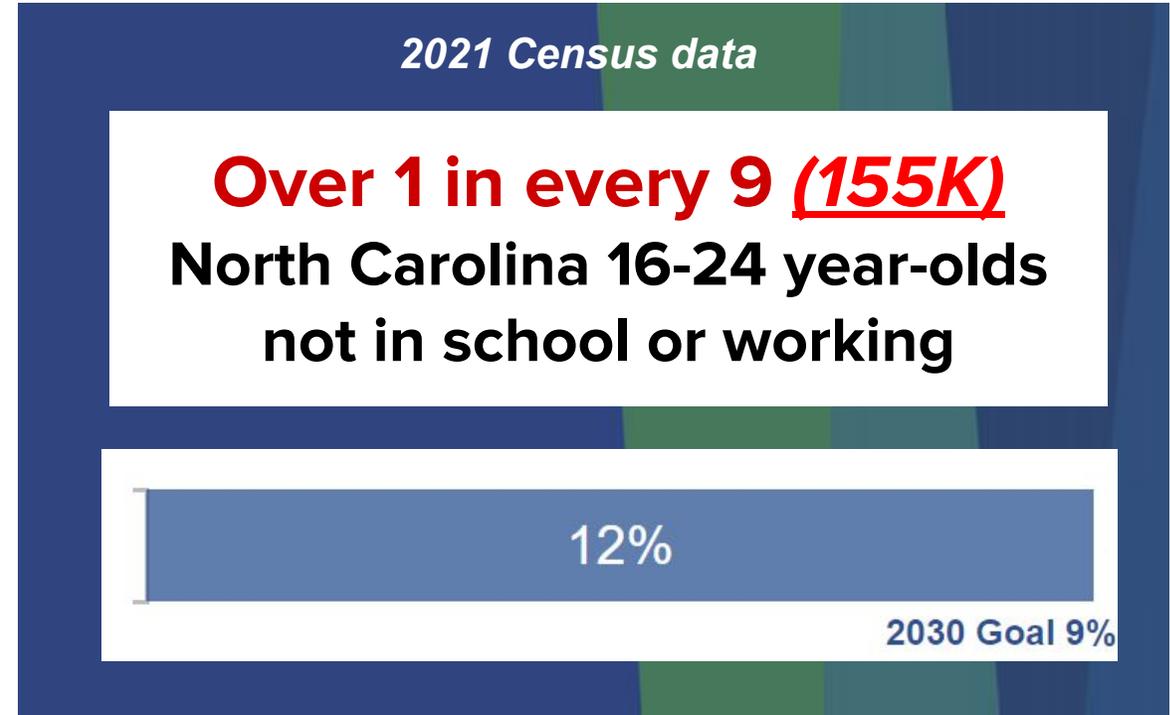
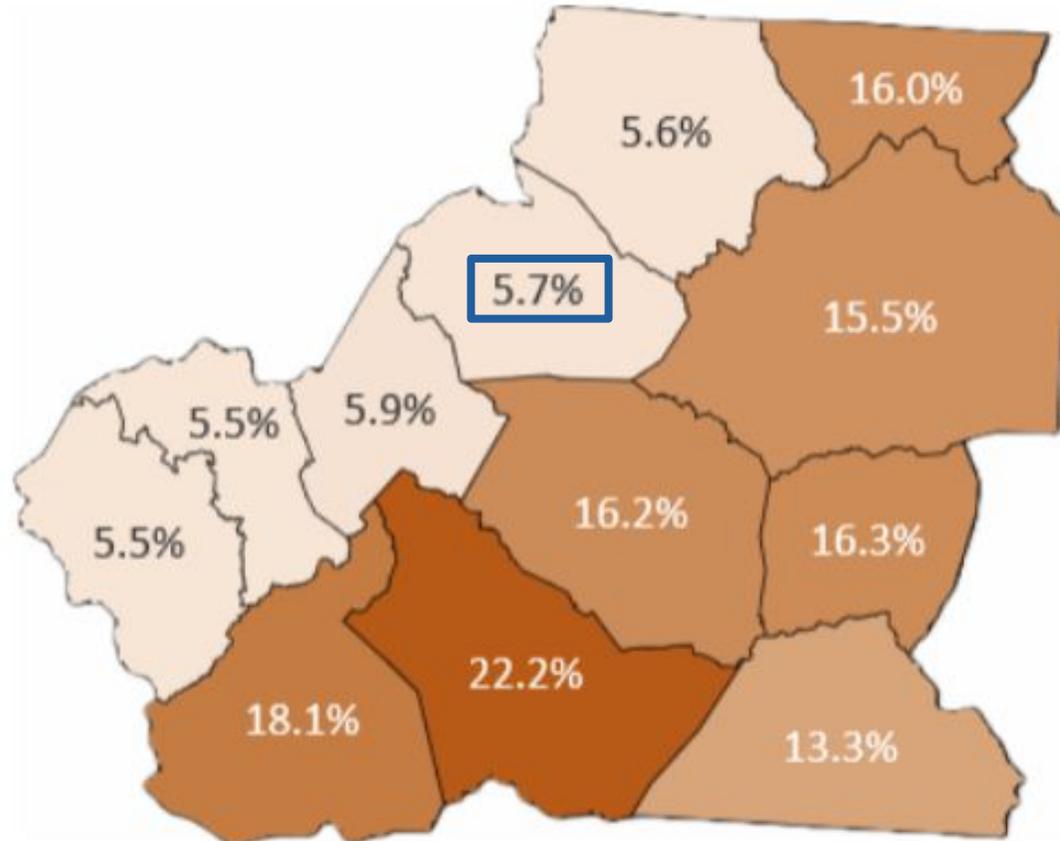
16 to 24-year-olds is not in school or working.

Who are NC's Opportunity Youth?



OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

County-level is 2019 Census data



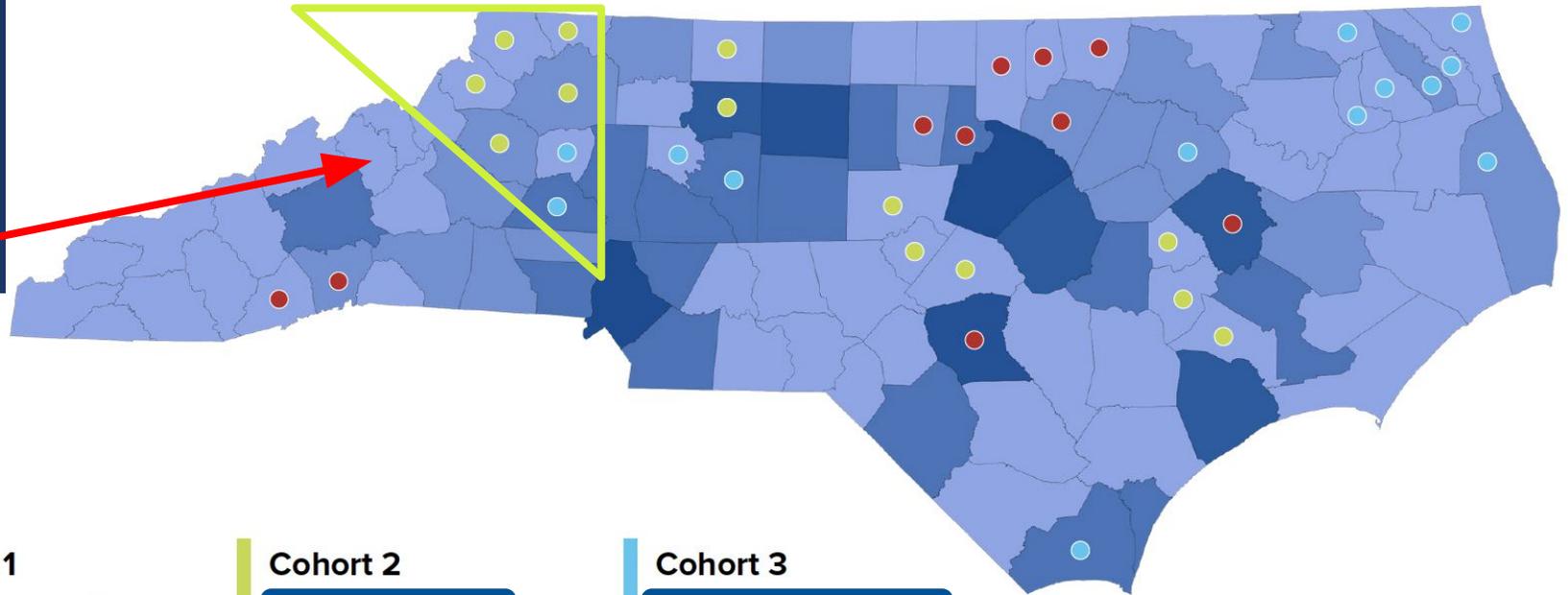
2030 Goal = 9% or less

ADULT LEARNERS: NC RECONNECT - ENROLLING AND CREDENTIALING

Approximately **329,000** North Carolinians aged 25-44 have some college, but no degree.

22,386 in the Northwest Region

IMMEDIATE IMPACT in NC
 Direct outreach efforts resulted in contacting nearly **9,000** previously enrolled adult learners, with **21%** ultimately re-enrolling

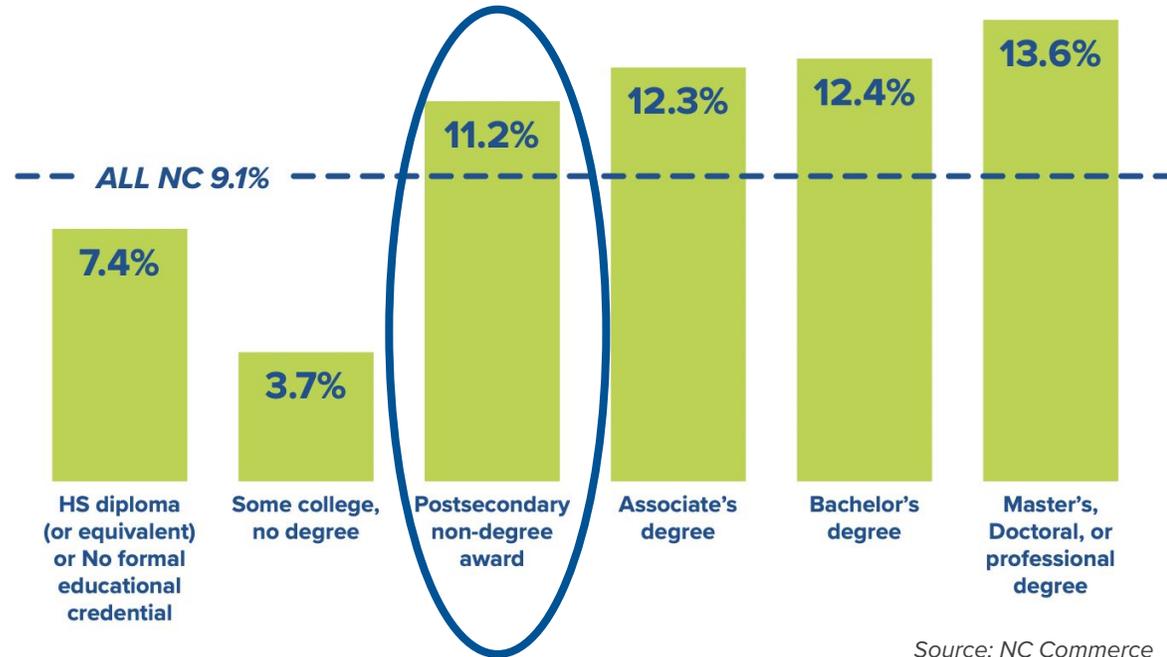


- Cohort 1**
 - Blue Ridge CC
 - Durham Tech
 - Fayetteville Tech
 - Pitt CC
 - Vance-Granville CC
- Cohort 2**
 - Caldwell CC&TI
 - Central Carolina CC
 - Forsyth Tech
 - Lenoir CC
 - Wilkes CC
- Cohort 3**
 - Catawba Valley CC
 - Davidson Davie CC
 - Brunswick CC
 - Edgecombe CC
 - College of the Albemarle

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NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Defining and Counting Non-degree Workforce Credentials for North Carolina



Source: NC Commerce

- **Co-led** by the NC Community College System, Department of Commerce, and Department of Public Instruction; **supported and advised** by the myFutureNC Board
- **Identifies** and supports the utilization of valuable non-degree workforce credentials for employers and NC citizens

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NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS - CREDENTIAL CATEGORIES

Essential or Career credentials for high-demand industries can be earned through North Carolina Community Colleges and other training partners— sometimes even in high school.

MORE INFORMATION: nccareers.org/credentials



Attainment-Focused Communities

1. Endorse State Attainment Goal
2. Adopt Local Attainment Goal
3. Develop Local Attainment Action Plan
4. Execute Action Plan
5. Increase Local Attainment



Watauga County's share of the 2 million by 2030 goal

Stretch Goal: 13,384 Total Individuals (79%)

Anticipated with all the things we are already doing: 12,693

The additional individuals needed to reach the goal: **691**

NEXT STEPS TOWARD LOCAL ATTAINMENT

Join cross-sector local leaders to become attainment-focused by:

- 1) endorsing the state goal;
- 2) adopting the local goal; and
- 3) collaborating with local partners to develop and execute Caldwell County's local educational attainment plan.

To review your [local county data](#) and determine **what you are already doing** to increase educational attainment, contact:

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2 million by 2030



Watauga County



Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
 2023 BCC Meeting
Peer County Type: Rural Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 1

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Watauga County Attainment Goal: 13,321 (79%)

Population Spotlight

2010 Census: 51,079
 2020 Census: 54,086
 Change: 3,007

Growth Rate

5.9% County vs. **9.5%** State

\$54,004 Median Household Income (2020)

11.7% Child Poverty Rate (2020)

89% Households with Broadband (2020)

62% Home Owners (2020)

73% Voter Registration Rate (2021)

3.7% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment

Watauga County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree
32.2%
 3,492

Have Degree or Credential
67.8%
 7,340

Less than high school | High school graduate (including GED) | Some college, no credential | Short-term credential | Associate degree | Bachelor's degree | Graduate or professional degree



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Watauga County to improve future attainment outcomes.



Math Performance

45% of Watauga County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the state goal of 86%.



Reading Performance

42% of Watauga County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state goal of 73%.

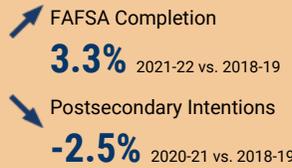


FAFSA Completion

65% of Watauga County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the state goal of 80%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.



Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism



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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Watauga County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Watauga County needs:

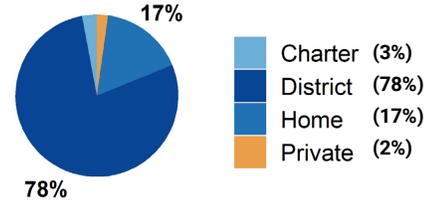
- Watauga County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: **75%**). 2022
- 42%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**; 657 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2022
- 45%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 869 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2022
- 92%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 11 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2021
- Watauga County has met the goal for **chronic absenteeism**. (Goal: **11%**). 2021

Watauga County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 317:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

School Choice

5,830 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Watauga County in the 2021-22 school year.

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



Career and College Preparation

278 high school students took at least one **AP course** (**19%**) versus **7%** in peer counties (2021).

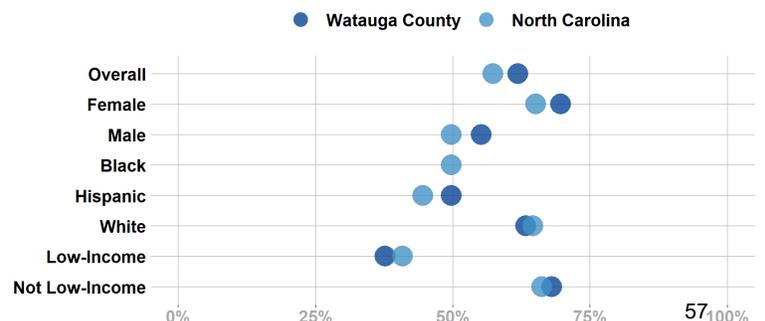
202 graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (**58%**) versus **49%** in peer counties (2021).

Students in Watauga County completed **167 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Architecture and Construction; and Hospitality & Tourism.

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 65%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2022; 50 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2022
<https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/>
- 82%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 60%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021
- 48%** of Watauga County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Watauga County, 2021



Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Success of Watauga County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 50% of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
 - 13% of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
 - 37% of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
 - <5% of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
 - 83% of college-goers attended an **in-state college**
- 81% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
 - 68% of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

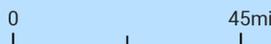
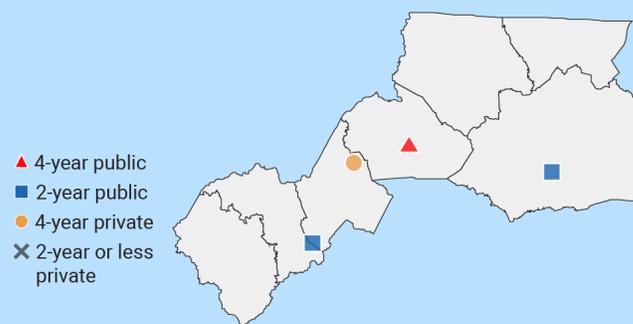
Watauga County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 24 Basic Skills
- 419 Continuing Education
- 819 Curriculum



19% of Watauga County residents have **student loan debt**; 4% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2020

Postsecondary assets in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone sub-region



Degree Credentials Awarded, 2021

1,077 certificate | 547 associate | 4,433 bachelor's

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

84.0%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

- Health Science** (below and above bachelor's)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** (below bachelor's)
- Business Management & Administration** (bachelor's)

17 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 5,202 graduates in 2020
- 69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- \$44,421 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

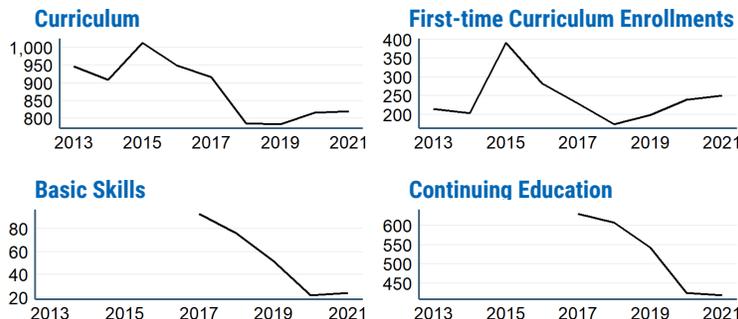
In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,616 in Basic Services
- 1,617 in Career Services
- 245 in Education Services

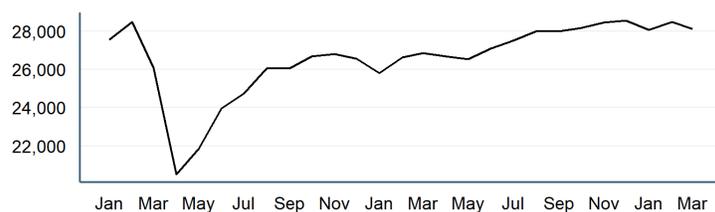


5.7% of young adults ages 16-24 in Watauga County were **not working and not in school** versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment



Number of Watauga County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022



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 Watauga County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Watauga

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/

OUR VISION AND MISSION

VISION: North Carolina employers have the necessary skilled workforce to meet business demands and every individual in the labor market earns a family-sustaining wage in a personally fulfilling career, positioning our state to remain economically competitive now and into the future.

MISSION: myFutureNC promotes a shared vision for an education-to-workforce continuum across North Carolina – from early childhood through adulthood – and aligns and supports, local, regional, and state actions that will dramatically increase attainment of industry-valued credentials and postsecondary degrees. myFutureNC promotes work of all sectors and helps find and fill gaps to drive educational access and attainment outcomes that align with and fulfill employer needs.

OUR GOAL

To ensure North Carolina remains economically competitive now and into the future, we must meet the state’s educational attainment goal – to have 2 million North Carolinians ages 25-44 hold an industry-valued credential or postsecondary degree by 2030.



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ACCELERATE ACTION: Connect and convene partner stakeholders to communicate and advance promising practices. Propose solutions through the curation and distribution of data and research.

IDENTIFY & ADVOCATE FOR POLICY SOLUTIONS: Collaborate with sector leaders and partner stakeholders to identify and advocate for effective policies.

MONITOR & REPORT PROGRESS: Monitor and report progress on the 2 million by 2030 goal. Identify attainment trends and gaps through the curation and distribution of data.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES

1.2 million

North Carolinians aged 25-44 **without a postsecondary degree or credential** as of 2021.

367,590

job openings in North Carolina (June 2023).

Only 28%

of 9th graders will earn a college degree or industry-valued credential **within 6 years after graduation** as of 2021.

154,989

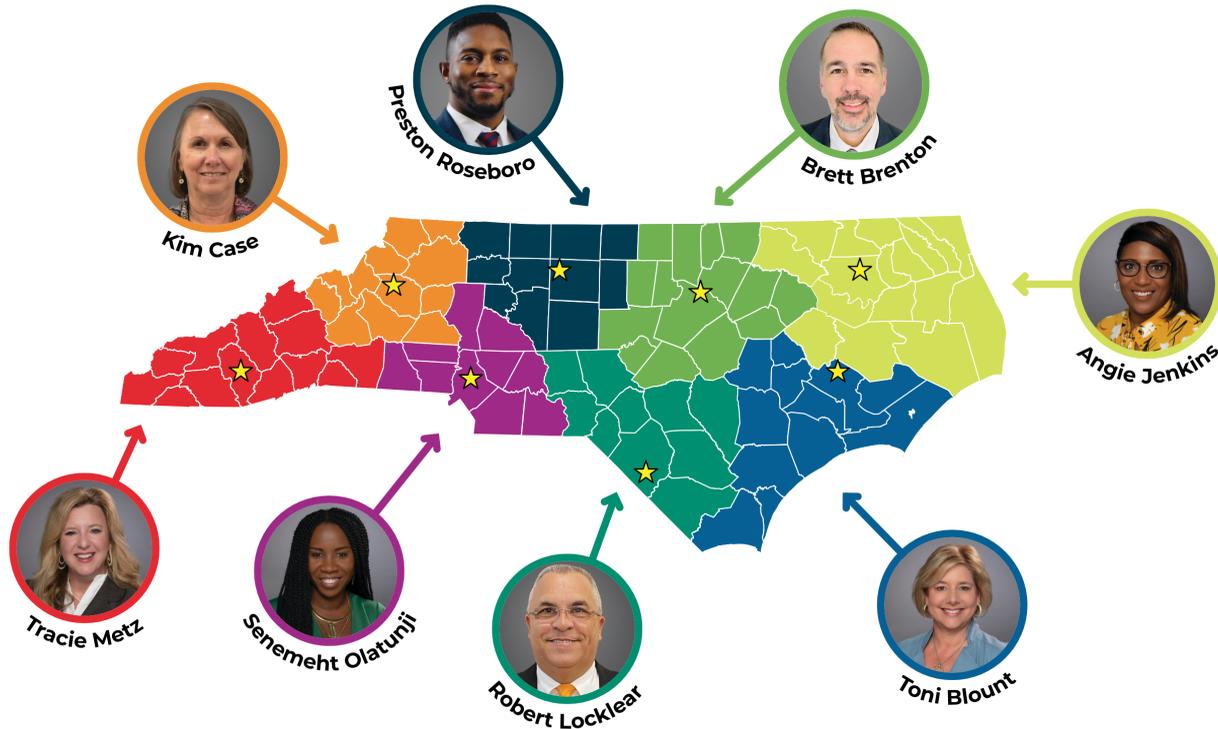
16 to 24-year-olds are **not in school or working** as of 2021.

IMPORTANT DATA AND TOOLS

- [Degree Ticker and Progress Toward 2 Million by 2030](#)
- [Key Performance Indicators](#)
- [County Profiles](#)
- [Data Trends Workbook](#)
- [FAFSA Tracker](#)
- [Promising Attainment Practices Database](#)
- [Recommended County Attainment Goals](#)

These data products and tools are available on our website. Visit dashboard.myfuturenc.org

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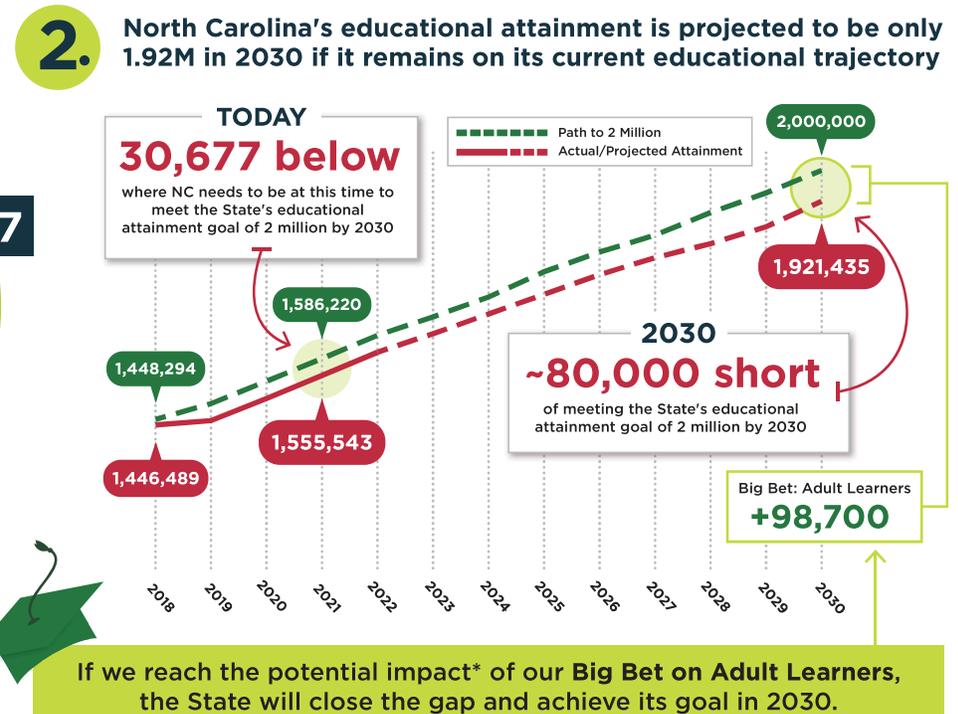
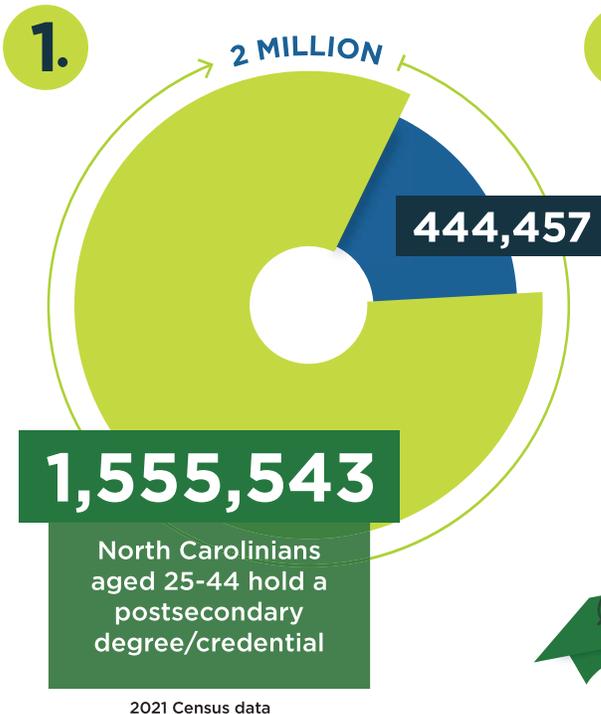
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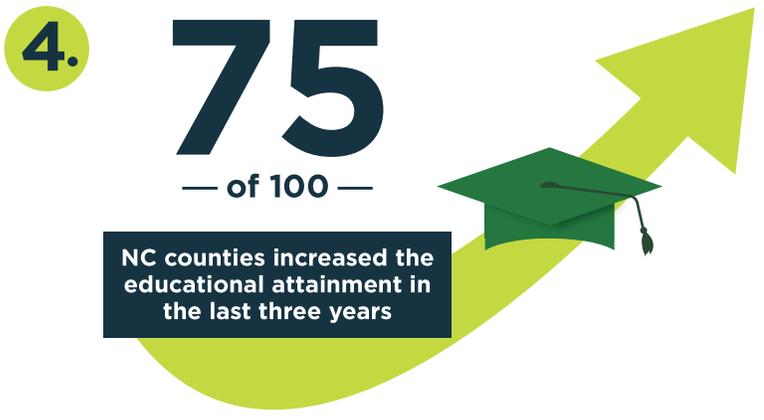
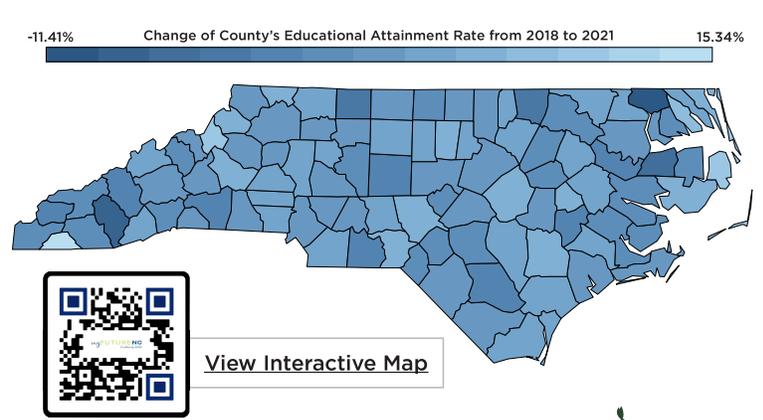
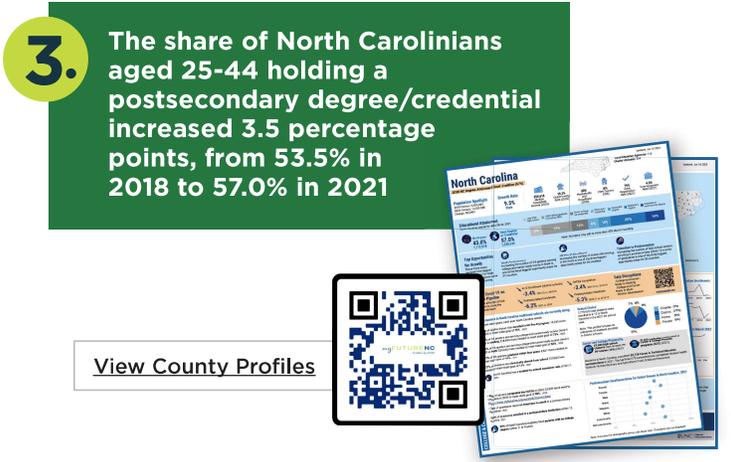
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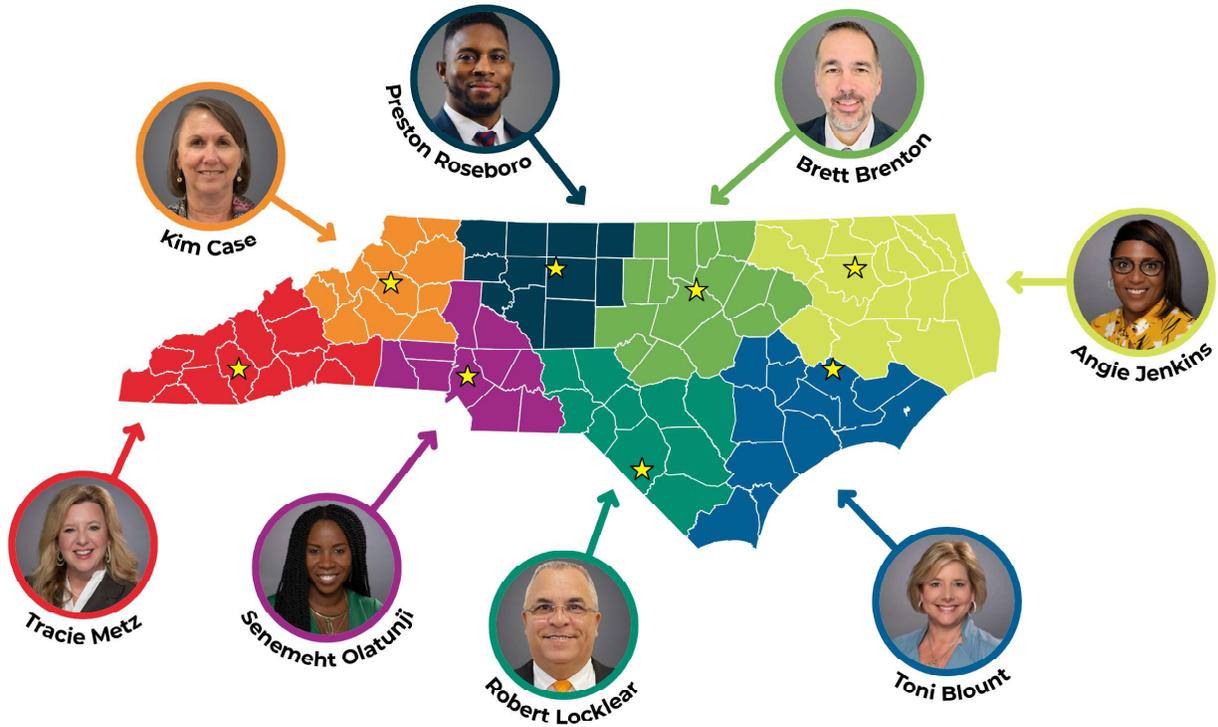


*If 30% of the current ~329K North Carolinians aged 25-44 who have some college but no degree re-enroll in college and earn a degree or credential, 98,700 additional individuals will hold a degree or credential by 2030.



COUNTY	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT RATE		GROWTH
	2018	2021	
Clay	40.83%	56.18%	15.35%
Dare	46.97%	57.03%	10.06%
Avery	30.94%	40.17%	9.23%
Pasquotank	39.90%	47.95%	8.05%
Currituck	41.82%	48.61%	6.79%
Alleghany	26.57%	33.23%	6.66%
Moore	57.18%	63.26%	6.09%
Johnston	44.37%	50.36%	5.98%
Richmond	31.57%	37.46%	5.89%
Burke	32.53%	38.34%	5.82%

REGIONAL IMPACT MANAGERS



Reach out to our Regional Impact Managers to learn more about how you can work to increase attainment in your area of North Carolina:

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AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren, Tax Administrator, will present the Monthly Collections Report and be available for questions and discussion.

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.

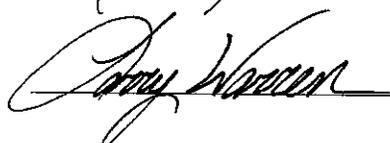
Monthly Collections Report**Watauga County**

Bank deposits of the following amounts have been made and credited to the account of Watauga County. The reported totals do not include small shortages and overages reported to the Watauga County Finance Officer

Monthly Report November 2023

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Previous FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>
<u>General County</u>				
Taxes 2023	11,945,650.94	24,677,018.43	56.98%	54.46%
Prior Year Taxes	49,018.47	250,073.59		
Solid Waste User Fees	998,243.07	1,901,639.58	55.61%	53.30%
Green Box Fees	0.00	0.00	NA	NA
Total County Funds	\$12,992,912.48	\$26,828,731.60		
<u>Fire Districts</u>				
Foscoe Fire	195,384.42	412,945.31	60.55%	59.11%
Boone Fire	435,518.12	806,417.91	60.30%	58.58%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	4,905.63	8,005.48	58.70%	55.29%
Beaver Dam Fire	33,661.77	77,237.14	54.71%	52.21%
Stewart Simmons Fire	114,902.08	251,396.57	61.72%	58.35%
Zionville Fire	51,498.86	93,113.96	58.21%	56.61%
Cove Creek Fire	112,243.40	207,487.23	58.04%	58.39%
Shawneehaw Fire	44,373.79	100,562.46	62.90%	59.94%
Meat Camp Fire	112,798.98	194,966.18	59.94%	55.24%
Deep Gap Fire	89,867.45	160,927.66	58.98%	58.37%
Todd Fire	22,807.41	46,307.00	60.29%	61.11%
Blowing Rock Fire	193,969.95	436,018.54	62.42%	59.93%
M.C. Creston Fire	1,476.35	3,958.68	48.52%	48.47%
Foscoe Service District	40,948.24	69,351.65	62.40%	63.90%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	4.55	356.24	12.88%	22.50%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	271.00	307.45	91.33%	85.76%
Shawneehaw Service Dist	2,037.39	4,644.94	54.67%	45.37%
Total Fire Districts	1,456,669.39	2,874,004.40		
<u>Towns</u>				
Boone	1,562,797.79	3,886,602.56	44.39%	39.65%
Municipal Services	15,977.81	61,620.84	26.51%	30.87%
Total Town Taxes	\$1,578,775.60	\$3,948,223.40		
Total Amount Collected	\$16,269,465.99	\$33,650,959.40		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

B. Refunds and Releases

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren will present the Refunds and Releases Reports. Board action is required to accept the Refunds and Releases Reports.

RELEASES - 11/01/2023 TO 11/30/2023

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE CHARGE	AMOUNT
1524406 BOWDEN, CHARLES SOUTHERLAND, PEGGY 547 MARANATHA BLVD BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	RE 2023	2941	11/01/2023			62,800 F12	31.40
	1887-33-0628-000			F12		G01	199.71
	TAX RELEASES				11805		-----
	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND LEASE PROP						231.11
1545742 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO PROPERTY TAX COMPLIANCE PO BOX 167 WINSTON SALEM, NC 27102-0167	RE 2023	38737	11/29/2023			408,700 C02	1,532.62
	2910-24-4543-000			C02		G01	1,299.67
	TAX RELEASES				11825		-----
	VALUE REDUCED FROM A 2022 APPEAL						2,832.29
1776900 CADENA, FEDERICO LAGUNA, MARIA 334 JENWILL DR DEEP GAP, NC 28618	RE 2023	1000034	11/20/2023			0 F10	37.20
	2960-64-6858-000			F10		F10	37.20
	TAX RELEASES				11824	F10	37.20
	SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME RELEASE AS					G01	299.83
	REAL PROPERTY AND BILLED AS PERSONAL					G01	299.83
						G01	236.59
						SWF	80.00
						SWF	80.00
						SWF	80.00
							1,187.85
1503076 CARTER, EDITH C/O MARGARET C MARTINE PO BOX 268 FERGUSON, NC 28624	RE 2023	2928	11/01/2023			86,300 F12	43.15
	1887-24-9098-000			F12		G01	274.43
	TAX RELEASES				11806		-----
	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND LEASE PROP						317.58
1503436 DAVIS, BARBARA H P O BOX 1361 LENOIR, NC 28645	RE 2023	2949	11/01/2023			89,300 F12	44.65
	1887-34-0421-000			F12		G01	283.97
	TAX RELEASES				11807		-----
	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND LEASE PROP						328.62
1503438 DAVIS, GEORGE HAROLD 2201 OLDE FARM RD HUDSON, NC 28638-8922	RE 2023	2946	11/01/2023			62,800 F12	31.40
	1887-34-0255-000			F12		G01	199.71
	TAX RELEASES				11803		-----
	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUND LEASE PROP						231.11
1066042 GRUBB, GLENN A AND PAMELA W 176 NATURES WAY BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022	42411	11/08/2023			0 SWF	80.00
	2913-97-3011-000			F09			
	REFUND RELEASE				11821		
	HOUSE WAS ON THE WRONG PARCEL RELEASE SWF						

RELEASES - 11/01/2023 TO 11/30/2023

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE CHARGE	AMOUNT
1066042 GRUBB, GLENN A AND PAMELA W 176 NATURES WAY BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 2913-97-3011-000 TAX RELEASES HOUSE WAS ON THE WRONG PARCEL RELEASE SWF	42413	11/08/2023	F09	11822	0 SWF	102.87
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000167 11/07/2023 1993-00-2230-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11809 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	54.55 346.94 ----- 401.49
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000168 11/07/2023 1993-00-2230-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11810 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	46.45 374.39 ----- 420.84
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000169 11/07/2023 1993-00-2230-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11811 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	46.45 374.39 ----- 420.84
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000161 11/07/2023 1993-00-8633-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11812 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	226.70 1,441.81 ----- 1,668.51
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000162 11/07/2023 1993-00-8633-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11813 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	193.25 1,557.60 ----- 1,750.85
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000163 11/07/2023 1993-00-8633-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11814 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	193.25 1,557.60 ----- 1,750.85
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000164 11/07/2023 1993-11-2038-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11815 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	4.45 28.30 ----- 32.75
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023 1000165 11/07/2023 1993-11-2038-000 F06 TAX RELEASES 11816 PROPERTY IS IN PRESENT USE PROGRAM					0 F06 G01	3.75 30.23 ----- 33.98

RELEASES - 11/01/2023 TO 11/30/2023

OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE CHARGE	AMOUNT
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023	1000166	11/07/2023			0 F06	3.75
	1993-11-2038-000			F06		G01	30.23
	TAX RELEASES				11817		----- 33.98
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023	1000158	11/07/2023			0 F06	227.35
	1993-20-6423-000			F06		G01	1,445.95
	TAX RELEASES				11818		----- 1,673.30
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023	1000159	11/07/2023			0 F06	195.45
	1993-20-6423-000			F06		G01	1,575.33
	TAX RELEASES				11819		----- 1,770.78
1761070 MARJORIE HELEN WRIGHT LIVING TRUST PO BOX 308 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2023	1000160	11/07/2023			0 F06	195.45
	1993-20-6423-000			F06		G01	1,575.33
	TAX RELEASES				11820		----- 1,770.78
1852779 METZGER, EMILY R 112 BUCKHEAD DR IRMO, SC 29063	RE 2023	2951	11/01/2023			112,200 F12	56.10
	1887-34-0543-000			F12		G01	356.80
	TAX RELEASES				11804		----- 412.90
1505331 RIVENBARK, WARREN ET AL C/O ELOISE WOOD 6254 TEAL STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28403	RE 2023	2943	11/01/2023			75,700 F12	37.85
	1887-33-0712-000			F12		G01	240.73
	TAX RELEASES				11808		----- 278.58
1857192 STOUT, GEORGE STOUT, LUANNE 1728 SW 3RD TER CAPE CORAL, FL 33991	PP 2023	1543	11/09/2023			0 F09	4.00
	4320			F09		G01	25.44
	TAX RELEASES				11823	SWF	102.87
	RV IS REGISTERED IN FLORIDA						----- 132.31
1505049 TRIVETTE, LARRY MAX 270 TRIVETTE HEIGHTS SUGAR GROVE, NC 28679	RE 2022	10866	11/29/2023			14,900 F04	7.45
	1943-80-0786-000			F04		G01	47.38
	REFUND RELEASE				11826		----- 54.83
1505049 TRIVETTE, LARRY MAX 270 TRIVETTE HEIGHTS SUGAR GROVE, NC 28679	RE 2023	10820	11/29/2023			14,900 F04	7.45
	1943-80-0786-000			F04		G01	47.38
	TAX RELEASES				11827		----- 54.83
INCORRECT AMOUNT OF ACREAGE							
DETAIL SUMMARY		COUNT: 25		RELEASES - TOTAL		927,600	17,973.83

RELEASES - 11/01/2023 TO 11/30/2023

RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2022	RE	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	7.45
2022	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	47.38
2022	RE	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
			2022 TOTAL	134.83
2023	RE	C02	BOONE RE	1,532.62
2023	RE	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	7.45
2023	RE	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE RE	1,390.85
2023	RE	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE RE	111.60
2023	RE	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	244.55
2023	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	14,076.75
2023	RE	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	342.87
2023	PP	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	4.00
2023	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	25.44
2023	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	102.87
			2023 TOTAL	17,839.00
			SUMMARY TOTAL	17,973.83

RELEASES - 11/01/2023 TO 11/30/2023

RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
C02	2023	C02	BOONE RE	1,532.62
C02	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	1,299.67
		C02	TOTAL	2,832.29
F04	2022	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	7.45
F04	2022	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	47.38
F04	2023	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	7.45
F04	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	47.38
		F04	TOTAL	109.66
F06	2023	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE RE	1,390.85
F06	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	10,338.10
		F06	TOTAL	11,728.95
F09	2022	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F09	2023	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	4.00
F09	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	25.44
F09	2023	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	205.74
		F09	TOTAL	315.18
F10	2023	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE RE	111.60
F10	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	836.25
F10	2023	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	240.00
		F10	TOTAL	1,187.85
F12	2023	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	244.55
F12	2023	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	1,555.35
		F12	TOTAL	1,799.90
		SUMMARY	TOTAL	17,973.83

AGENDA ITEM 8:

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR DAVID GRAGG

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Eric Hesslink, Parks and Recreation Program Assistant, will request the Board approve out-of-state travel for Assistant Aquatics Director David Gragg, to travel to Kingsport, TN for Lifeguard Instructor Training.

Board action is required to approve the out-of-state travel.

WATAUGA COUNTY
TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUEST

12/19/23 BCC Meeting
Print Form

DATE	Dec 1, 2023	BUDGET ACCOUNT NUMBER	10-6121-439500
NAME:	David Gragg	TITLE	Assistant Aquatics Director
DEPARTMENT	Parks and Recreation		
DESTINATION	Kingsport, TN	MEETING DATES FROM:	Dec 28, 2023
TO:	Dec 30, 2023		
Out of State travel? If yes, BCC approval is required and must be signed by County Manager.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	DEPARTURE	December 28, 2023
	<input type="radio"/> NO	RETURN	December 30, 2023
Purpose	LGI Certification		
Overnight Accommodations Required?	<input type="radio"/> YES	Name of Hotel/Motel	
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Rate per night/person	
Government Discount?	<input type="radio"/> YES		
	<input type="radio"/> NO		
Method of Transportation:	<input type="radio"/> County Vehicle <input checked="" type="radio"/> Personal Vehicle <input type="radio"/> Air <input type="radio"/> Other		
Cost		Explanation:	

Estimated Expenses					TOTALS
REGISTRATION FEES: Please indicate meals and/or banquets included in registration fee.					225.00
MEALS Breakfast:	3	X	8.00		24.00
Lunch:	3	X	10.00		30.00
Dinner:	3	X	16.00		48.00
LODGING Single Rate:		X			
*OTHER					
TOTAL					327.00

Remarks: In the event of a staff shortage, the class will be taken March 25-27, 2024.		
Are funds requested in advance? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Form is Mathematically Correct: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Approved as corrected	If settlement has not been made on this advance within 20 working days after completion of travel, I authorize this amount to be deducted from my next paycheck. 1 December 23 Employee/date	I believe this trip to be necessary and beneficial to Watauga County and funds were provided for this purpose in this departments appropriate budget account. Department Head County Manager (Out of State)
Finance Staff/Date		



KAC Lifeguard Instructor Course

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American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Training



Lifeguard Instructor Training

The purpose of the American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor course is to train instructor candidates to teach courses and presentations in the American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor program by developing their understanding of how to use the course materials, how to conduct training sessions and how to evaluate participants' progress.

This course is designed to teach you how to teach and lead an American Red Cross Lifeguard Course. It is dedicated to developing the knowledge and skills you will need to plan and teach courses in the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program.

This course includes the following certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Certification (valid for 2 years). Course fee includes a current copy of the American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Manual. This course is approximately 25 hours in length.

Course fee: \$200 for members | \$225 for nonmembers | \$75 deposit required

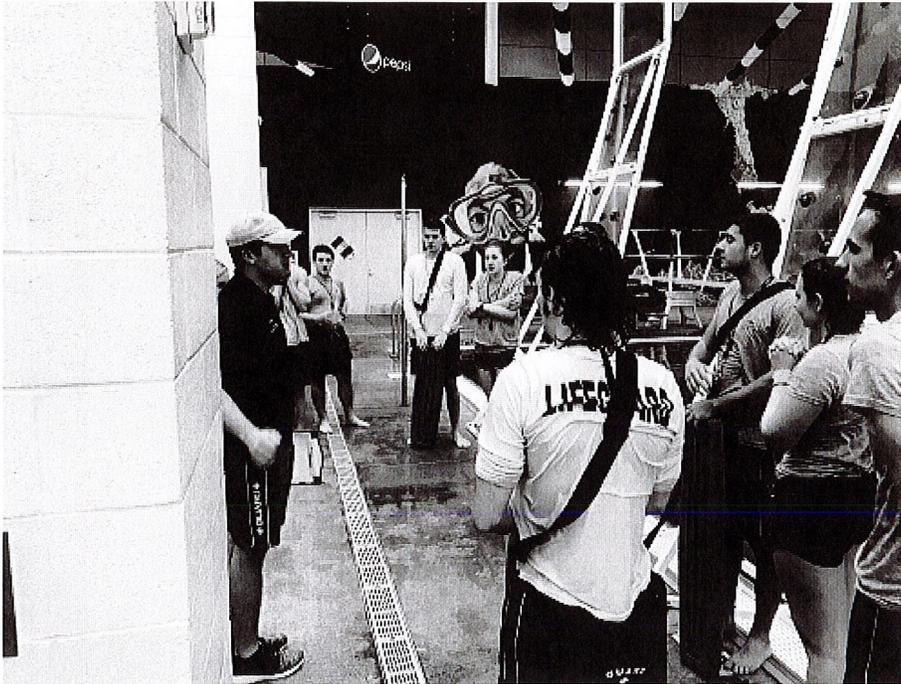
To participate in the course you must meet the following prerequisites (if the pre-test is failed, \$75 is non-refundable):

1. Must be 17 years old by the last day of class
2. Possesses a current basic level certification in Lifeguarding/First Aid/AED.
3. Has successfully completed the online Introduction to the lifeguarding Instructor Course prior to the pre-course skills session.
4. Has obtained all instructor and participant materials before entering the first session of the instructor course.
5. Has successfully completed the pre-course skills session.

The pre-course skills session is designed to evaluate instructor candidates' lifeguarding, CPR, and AED skills. Instructor candidates must successfully demonstrate competency in the pre-course skills session. Instructor candidates who do not demonstrate competency in the pre-course skill session prior to the start of the course cannot continue in the Lifeguarding Instructor Course.



Course work will include physical exercise. If a medical condition or disability exists that might prevent participation in the activities, or there are questions about fully participating in the Lifeguard Instructor Course, please contact the facility to discuss this with an instructor before the course begins. For additional information, please contact Madison Gump at madisongump@kingsporttn.gov or 423-343-9758.



LGI Decembe... Aquatics C... 17/up TH-... 12/28-... 8am-... 5/8 \$225

LGI March 20... Aquatics C... 17/up M-W 03/25-... 10am... 0/8 \$225

KAC Lifeguard Course (6) Lifeguard Training ... \$225

KAC Lifeguard Instructor Review Course (2) American Red Cros... \$90

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AGENDA ITEM 9:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Proposed Appalachian State University 911 Center

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

The County was recently made aware of the University’s initiative to create their own 911 center through a third-party vendor. The County received no communications regarding this critical issue to our citizens and visitors, and the negative impact that it would pose on lifesaving services. Upon inquiring of the University’s intention, the County was informed they were in the “exploratory” phase and the lack of coordination and communication was an oversight.

However, based on additional information received, it is apparent that this project is well beyond the exploratory phase. The County, Sheriff, and the Town of Boone are united in the opposition to the University’s proposed 911 center. Our organizations have worked hard and long to enhance and improve the provision of 911 services as was evident by the Town of Boone consolidating with the County. The County has addressed any concerns put forth by the University and has not received any communications regarding unresolved issues. Thus, the County is at a loss as to the reason for the University’s desire to create a 911 center and duplicate a service already provided while unnecessarily delaying lifesaving services.

Mr. Will Holt, Emergency Services Director, will be on hand to detail the impact of the University’s proposed 911 center. Note – a meeting with all parties involved in this matter was scheduled for December 11, 2023 but was cancelled by Chief Stephenson. However, staff received on December 14, 2023 a request to reschedule the meeting to December 18, 2023. Staff is working to determine if all parties involved are able to attend on that date.

This update is for information only; therefore, staff is only seeking Commissioners input and direction.

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AGENDA ITEM 9:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Boards and Commissions

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Watauga County Planning Board

The four (4) year At-large Planning Board term of Ms. Kimmy Tiedemann will expire in December. Ms. Tiedemann does not wish to be reappointed. A Volunteer Application was received from Mr. Matt Vincent who has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board. This is a first reading.



WATAUGA COUNTY

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Memorandum

Date: December 11, 2023
To: Deron Geouque
From: Jason Walker
Re: Planning Board – Appointment of New Member

Kimmy Tiedemann who serves as an At-Large member for the Planning Board has her appointment term ending this month. She has indicated that she no longer wishes to serve on the Planning Board.

We currently only have one person who had expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board, Mr. Matt Vincent of VPC Construction. Attached is a copy of Matt's Volunteer Application.

Volunteer Application
Watauga County Boards And Commissions

If you are a Watauga County resident, at least 18 years old, and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete the application below and click on Print Form.
Please sign and mail or fax to:

Watauga County Commissioners' Office
814 West King Street, Suite 205
Boone, NC 28607
Phone: (828) 265-8000
Fax: (828) 264-3230

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Fax) _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

In Order To Assure County wide Representation Please Indicate Your Township Of Residence:

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| <input type="radio"/> Bald Mountain | <input type="radio"/> Stony Fork | <input type="radio"/> Watauga |
| <input type="radio"/> New River | <input type="radio"/> Brushy Fork | <input type="radio"/> Cove Creek |
| <input type="radio"/> Beaver Dam | <input type="radio"/> Meat Camp | <input type="radio"/> Shawneehaw |
| <input type="radio"/> Blue Ridge | <input type="radio"/> Blowing Rock | <input type="radio"/> Laurel Creek |
| <input type="radio"/> Elk | <input type="radio"/> North Fork | <input type="radio"/> Boone |

In addition, Please Indicate If You Live In One Of The Following Areas:

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Foscoe-Grandfather Community | <input type="radio"/> Valle Crucis Historic District |
| <input type="radio"/> Howards Creek Watershed | <input type="radio"/> Winklers Creek Watershed |
| <input type="radio"/> South Fork New River Watershed | <input type="radio"/> Extraterritorial Area |

We Ask Your Help In Assuring Diversity Of Membership By Age, Gender, And Race, By Answering The Following Questions

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| Gender | Ethnic Background | |
| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> African American | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Caucasian | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| | <input type="radio"/> Native American | |

Please List (In Order Of Preference) The Boards/Commissions On Which You Would Be Willing To Serve.

1.
2.
3.

AGENDA ITEM 9:

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C. Announcements

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

The January 2, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners has been cancelled. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 10:

BREAK

AGENDA ITEM 11:

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)