

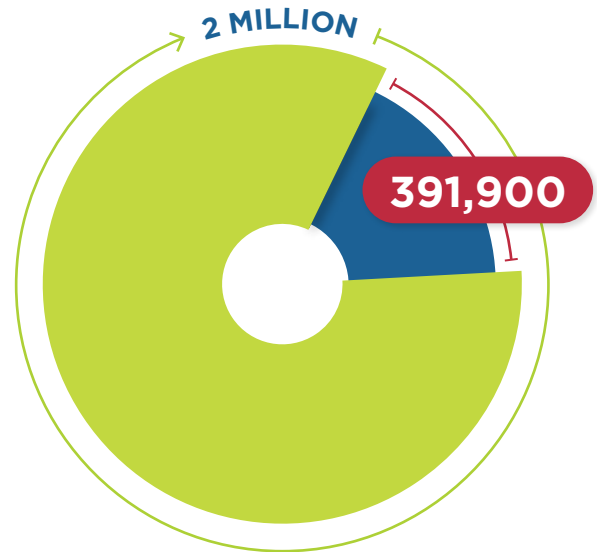
North Carolina continues to be blessed with a booming economy, **yet the state's education-to-workforce pathways don't work for everyone.** To ensure our economic competitiveness, the state of North Carolina, with bipartisan support, has established an ambitious goal to have **2 million North Carolinians aged 25-44 to hold an industry-valued credential or a college degree by 2030.**<sup>1</sup>

## Educational Attainment in North Carolina

### 2 Million by 2030

Currently, 1.61 million North Carolinians between ages 25-44 hold a postsecondary degree/credential, which falls short of the 2 million goal by **392K** individuals.

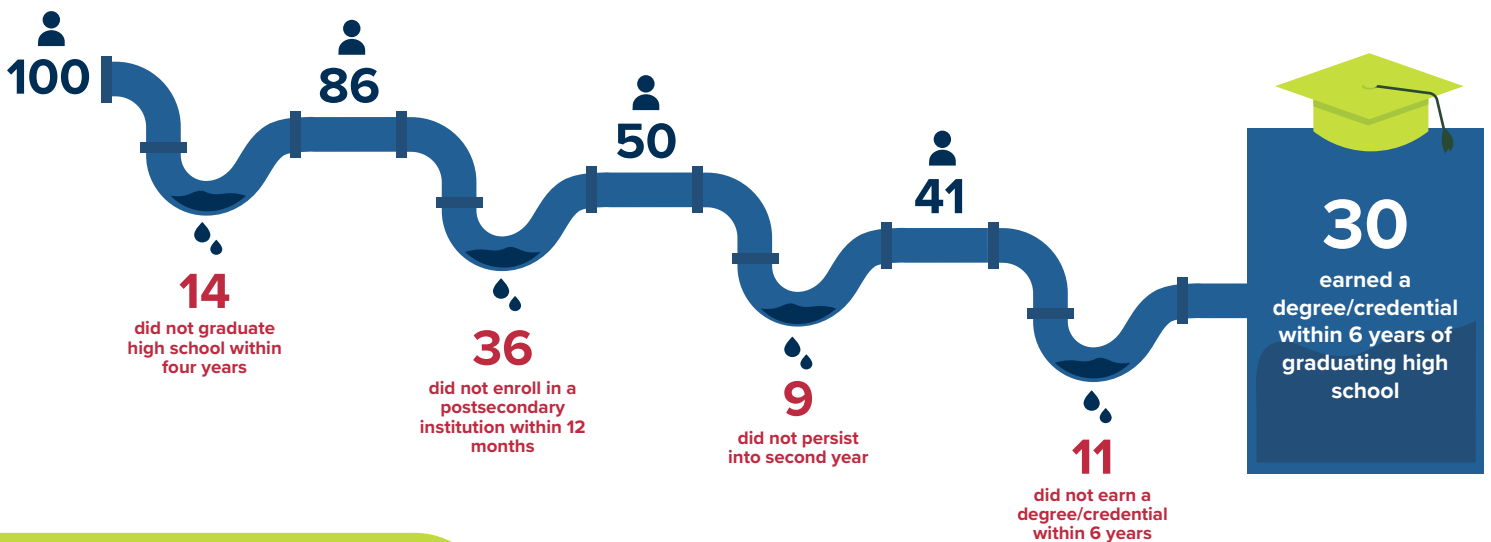
2022 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau



### A Leaky Pipeline

**Only 30 out of 100** North Carolina public school 9th graders earn a degree or certificate within 6 years of graduating high school.

Simulation based on 2022 data for each indicator.



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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to S.L. 2019-55 as amended by S.L. 2023-134, myFutureNC reports annually to the General Assembly on the progress of the state reaching the educational attainment goal set forth in G.S. 116C-10.

myFutureNC promotes the work of all sectors and helps find and fill gaps to drive educational access and attainment outcomes that align with and fulfill employer needs.

## Policy Solutions

	ON-TIME ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE	ADULT LEARNER ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE	LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT
<p><b>NC WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Financial support for students pursuing industry-valued credentials and outreach to boost enrollment in such programs.</li> <li>▶ Alignment and strengthened efforts between the NC Workforce Credentials Advisory Council, NC Commerce, NCWorks, education sectors, and employers.</li> <li>▶ Improved tracking of certification/licensure attainment.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<p><b>ACCESS, PERSISTENCE &amp; COMPLETION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Targeted financial aid provided to all postsecondary students who face unexpected emergencies—such as medical bills, car repairs, and loss of childcare—that might otherwise prevent them from finishing their coursework.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
			✓
<p><b>LOCAL/REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Funding for community technical assistance grants to increase educational attainment through support for cross-sector collaborations that leverage local leadership, existing initiatives and partnerships, and innovative new approaches.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<p><b>PARTNER SUPPORT ITEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Early foundations for success, including NC Pre-K and Science of Reading implementation.</li> <li>▶ High-quality implementation of Career Development Plans integrated through NCcareers.org.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
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