

Catawba Regional Workforce Snapshot (Q4 2025)

Chester, Lancaster and York Counties

Total Employment	218,063
Unemployment Rate (December 2025)	4.9%
Adults 18-64 Years	252,610
2023-2024 Public High School Enrollment	19,683
2023 Fall Postsecondary Credit Enrollment	15,041



Top Industries (Q2 2025)

Industry	Employed	% of Total Employment
Health Care & Social Assistance	17,191	12%
Retail Trade	17,180	12%
Manufacturing	17,174	12%
Accommodation & Food Services	15,479	11%
Educational Services	13,675	9%
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	7,423	5%

Industry Announced Investment 2020-2024

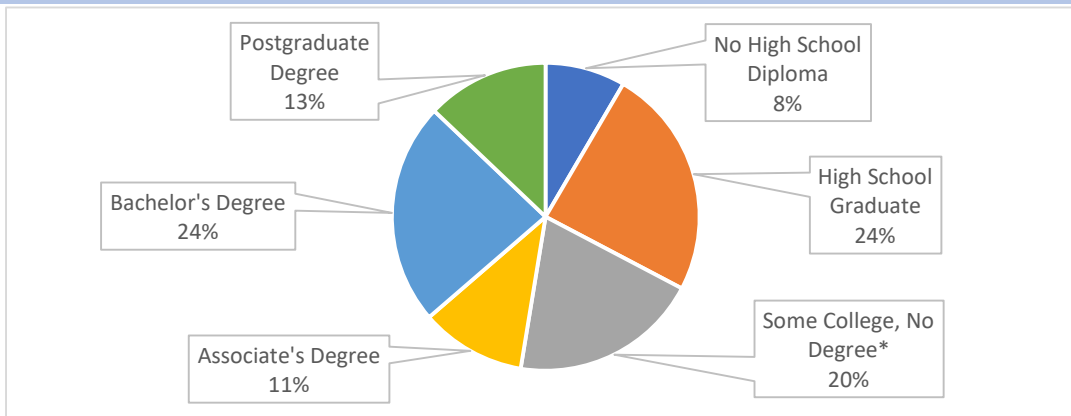
Total Announced Investment
\$4,191,450,000

Jobs Announced
5,116

Jobs Announced by Industry

Industry	Number of Jobs	% of Jobs Announcements
Manufacturing	4,099	80%
Warehousing & Distribution	700	14%
Office, HQ, & R&D (Service)	317	6%

Educational Attainment (Adults 25-64)



*Includes Certificate level credentials (American Community Survey 2019-2023)

Catawba Region Education Snapshot (2023-2024)

Public & Independent Universities and Colleges Enrollment

Fall 2023 Enrollment (8,488)

Institution	Credit Enrollment
Winthrop University	5,397
U.S.C. - Lancaster	3,091

2023-2024 Public/Independent Colleges and Universities Degrees Awarded (1,370)

Program	Degrees	% of Awarded
Business, Management, Marketing & Related	290	21%
Education	197	14%
Public Administration & Social Service	151	11%
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	130	9%
Visual & Performing Arts	115	8%

Technical College(s)

Fall 2023 Enrollment - Credit (6,553) & Corporate and Community Education (CE) Programs

Institution	Credit Enrollment	CE Enrollment (2023 Annualized)
York Technical College	6,553	1,592

2023-2024 Technical Colleges Program Completions (1,406 - Credit Awards Only)

Program	# of Credentials	% of Awarded
Liberal A/S, General Studies & Humanities	469	33%
Health Professions & Related Programs	322	23%
Business, Management, Marketing & Related	133	9%
Precision Production	88	6%
Engineering Tech. & Engineering-Related	72	5%

Public High Schools

2023-2024 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Course Enrollment (24,499)

CTE Student Cluster	Enrollment	% of CTE Enrollment
Information Technology	5,562	23%
Health Science	2,992	12%
Human Services/Family & Consumer Sciences	2,764	11%
Business, Management & Admin.	2,008	8%
Finance	1,847	8%

High School CTE Certifications Awarded* (7,918)

Certification Focus	Total Certs Earned	% of Awarded
Health Science	2,146	27%
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (TDL)	1,347	17%
Microburst EmployABILITY Soft Skills**	959	12%
OSHA-10**	863	11%
Business, Management & Admin.	461	6%

*Students may earn multiple certifications within and across certification focus areas.

**Certifications falling under multiple clusters are reported independently of career clusters.

Sources: SCDEW, US Census, QCEW, SC Commerce, SC Tech, SC Dept. of Education & SC Commission on Higher Education