Common App in North Carolina

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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191,107 Applications submitted

40,659 Unique applicants

865 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 40% Out-of-State
- 60% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by North Carolina applicants

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31% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

46% Applications submitted with a test score

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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity:
- Asian 6%
- Latinx 11%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 5%
- White 60%
- Black or African American 14%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 3%

Applicants by Sex:
- 43% Male
- 57% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status:
- 72% Not first-generation
- 28% First-generation

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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in North Carolina (descending)

- North Carolina State University
- Appalachian State University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina Wilmington
- East Carolina University
- University of North Carolina Greensboro
- University of South Carolina Columbia
- Clemson University
- Duke University
- Elon University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- High Point University
- Virginia Tech

In-State Applications to NC Institutions

- Duke University
- East Carolina University
- University of North Carolina Greensboro
- Appalachian State University
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina Wilmington

Applications: 4,000, 8,000, 12,000, 16,000
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Top applying counties in North Carolina (descending)

- Wake County
- Mecklenburg County
- Guilford County
- Union County
- Forsyth County
- Cabarrus County
- Durham County
- Orange County
- Cumberland County
- New Hanover County
- Buncombe County
- Iredell County
- Johnston County
- Gaston County
- Alamance County

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Year-over-year comparisons

+19% State annual change in applications

+7% State annual change in applicants
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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+19% State annual change in applications
+7% State annual change in applicants
+17% Total annual change in applications
+9% Total annual change in applicants