Common App in North Carolina

First-Year Application Data
2021–2022

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217,323 Applications submitted

41,828 Unique applicants

919 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 982)

Destination of Applications

- 39% Out-of-State
- 61% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by North Carolina applicants
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38% 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 12%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 5%
- White 59%
- Black or African American 15%
- Native American 1%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 2%

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

Applicants by First-Generation Status:
- 68% Not first-generation
- 32% 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 Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina Wilmington
- East Carolina University
- University of North Carolina Greensboro
- Western Carolina University
- University of South Carolina Columbia
- Clemson University
- Duke University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- Elon University
- High Point University
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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
- Buncombe County
- Iredell County
- New Hanover County
- Cumberland County
- Johnston County
- Gaston County
- Alamance County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+14% State annual change in applications

+3% State annual change in applicants

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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+14% State annual change in applications
+3% State annual change in applicants

+15% Total annual change in applications
+8% Total annual change in applicants