

Economic Overview

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time

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Demographic Profile

The population in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time was 1,846,203 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 1,001,410 with a participation rate of 68.2%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, 42.5% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.8% in the nation.

The median household income in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is \$75,642 and the median house value is \$289,744.

Summary¹

		Percent		Value			
	Kannapolis City			Kannapolis City			
	Hall - 30 minute drive time	North Carolina	USA	Hall - 30 minute drive time	North Carolina	USA	
Demographics							
Population (ACS)	_	_	<u> </u>	1,846,203	10,470,214	331,097,593	
Male	48.8%	49.0%	49.6%	901,351	5,131,370	164,200,298	
Female	51.2%	51.0%	50.4%	944,852	5,338,844	166,897,295	
Median Age ²	_	_	_	37.3	39.1	38.5	
Under 18 Years	23.0%	21.8%	22.1%	424,524	2,283,888	73,213,705	
18 to 24 Years	8.9%	9.7%	9.4%	165,016	1,014,214	31,282,896	
25 to 34 Years	15.1%	13.3%	13.7%	278,939	1,394,673	45,388,153	
35 to 44 Years	13.9%	12.6%	12.9%	257,447	1,321,715	42,810,359	
45 to 54 Years	13.6%	12.9%	12.4%	250,902	1,354,229	41,087,357	
55 to 64 Years	12.0%	12.9%	12.9%	222,085	1,353,570	42,577,475	
65 to 74 Years	8.1%	10.0%	9.7%	150,416	1,051,212	32,260,679	
75 Years and Over	5.2%	6.7%	6.8%	96,874	696,713	22,476,969	
Race: White	58.4%	65.0%	65.9%	1,077,288	6,800,458	218,123,424	
Race: Black or African American	24.6%	20.9%	12.5%	454,010	2,192,455	41,288,572	
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	1.0%	0.8%	5,722	109,600	2,786,431	
Race: Asian	4.9%	3.1%	5.8%	89,757	325,670	19,112,979	
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	586	6,948	624,863	
Race: Some Other Race	5.5%	4.0%	6.0%	101,906	421,954	20,018,544	
Race: Two or More Races	6.3%	5.9%	8.8%	116,934	613,129	29,142,780	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	12.2%	10.0%	18.7%	224,325	1,051,008	61,755,866	
Population Growth							
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	_	_	_	1,929,892	10,835,491	334,914,895	
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	1.6%	1.0%	0.6%	28,576	98,877	1,885,495	
People per Square Mile ⁴	_	_	_	764.6	222.8	94.8	
Economic							
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	68.2%	62.1%	63.3%	1,001,410	5,188,874	167,857,207	
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	85.3%	82.3%	82.8%	670,276	3,303,826	106,380,520	
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.1%	1.2%	0.5%	1,915	102,000	1,236,378	
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.2%	5.5%	4.3%	48,828	346,316	8,636,019	
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	80.8%	74.8%	77.1%	39,472	259,058	6,656,238	
Median Household Income ²	_	_	_	\$75,642	\$66,186	\$75,149	
Per Capita Income	_	_	_	\$43,615	\$37,641	\$41,261	
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	_	_	_	25.7	25.0	26.7	
Commute via Public Transportation	1.5%	0.8%	3.8%	13,934	39,003	5,945,723	

Summary¹

Percent Value **Kannapolis City Kannapolis City** Hall - 30 minute Hall - 30 minute drive time **North Carolina** USA drive time **North Carolina** USA **Educational Attainment, Age 25-64** No High School Diploma 9 1% 9.8% 10 1% 92,269 529,949 17,373,867 **High School Graduate** 19.7% 23.6% 25.1% 199,300 1,281,862 43,176,248 Some College, No Degree 19.4% 20.6% 19.7% 196,067 1,116,672 33,916,989 Associate's Degree 10.5% 9.2% 92,288 15,886,884 9.1% 569,100 Bachelor's Degree 28.5% 23.0% 22.4% 287,209 1,244,990 38,451,123 Postgraduate Degree 12.6% 13.4% 142,240 681,614 23,058,233 14.1% Housing **Total Housing Units** 787,657 4,739,881 140,943,613 \$289,744 Median House Value (of owner-occupied units)2,5 \$234,900 \$281,900 Homeowner Vacancy 1.0% 1.4% 1.1% 4,764 38,371 931,393 Rental Vacancy 6.8% 6.9% 5.5% 20,501 103,964 2,623,236 Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units) 38.0% 33.8% 35.2% 273,449 1,387,271 44,238,593 Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied 5.1% 5.4% 8.3% 36,447 220,103 10,474,870 Units) **Total Owner Occupied Housing units** 62.0% 66.2% 64.8% 446,613 2,717,961 81,497,760 Social 10.9% 13 3% 12.5% 198,952 1,357,418 40,521,584 Poverty Level (of all people) Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP 9.4% 12.3% 11.5% 67,797 503,068 14,486,880 Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population) 1.4% 1.3% 1.4% 25,354 135,174 4,476,703 14,868 430,795 Disconnected Youth³ 2.8% 2.6% 2.5% 2,677 Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children) 35.4% 35.6% 34.0% 142,636 766,687 23,568,955 Uninsured 10.7% 196,761 1,077,458 28,315,092 10.5% 8.7% With a Disability, Age 18-64 8.1% 11.0% 10.5% 94.857 691,617 20,879,820 With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size 45.3% 42.1% 45.5% 42,960 291,022 9,492,098 229,984 Foreign Born 12.5% 8.3% 13.7% 867,946 45,281,071

6.9%

4.6%

8.2%

120,392

451,823

25,704,846

Source: JobsEQ®

Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)

^{1.} American Community Survey 2018-2022, unless noted otherwise

^{2.} Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

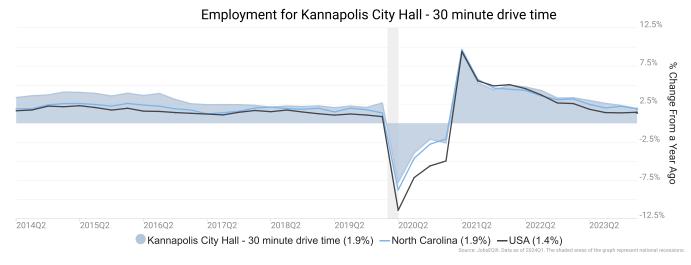
^{3.} Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

^{4.} Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013. Post-2019 data for Connecticut counties are imputed by Chmura.

^{5.} The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

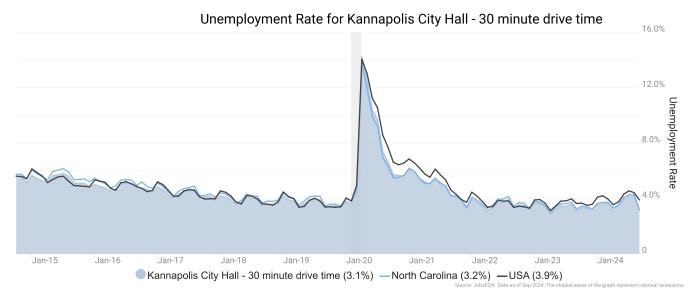
As of 2024Q1, total employment for the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time was 1,121,768 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q1, employment increased 1.9% in the region.



Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2023Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q1.

Unemployment Rate

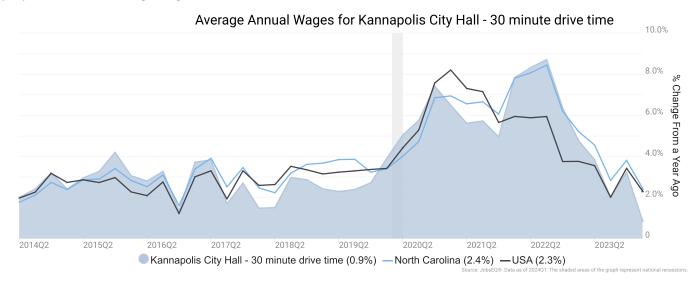
The unemployment rate for the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time was 3.1% as of September 2024. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 3.9%. One year earlier, in September 2023, the unemployment rate in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time was 3.1%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through September 2024.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time earned annual wages of \$74,633 as of 2024Q1. Average annual wages per worker increased 0.9% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$70,857 in the nation as of 2024Q1.



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2023Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q1.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 3.6% lower in Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

		Cost of Living Index					
	Annual Average Salary	(Base US)	US Purchasing Power				
Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time	\$74,633	96.4	\$77,391				
North Carolina	\$64,037	94.3	\$67,913				
USA	\$70,857	100.0	\$70,857				

Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q1

Cost of Living per COLI, data as of 2024Q1, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 130,059 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (105,752 workers) and Accommodation and Food Services (96,274). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Management of Companies and Enterprises (LQ = 2.32), Finance and Insurance (2.03), and Transportation and Warehousing (1.29).

Total Workers for Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time by Industry



Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2023Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q1.

Sectors in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time with the highest average wages per worker are Finance and Insurance (\$147,189), Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$144,275), and Utilities (\$116,090). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Finance and Insurance (+19,080 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+16,121), and Transportation and Warehousing (+15,440).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is projected to expand by 15,718 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Management of Companies and Enterprises with a +2.0% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+2,323 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+1,681), and Transportation and Warehousing (+1,284).

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, 2024Q11

			Current		5-Year History						
			Avg Ann		Empl		Total			Empl	Ann %
NAICS	Industry	Empl	Wages	LQ	Change	Ann %	Demand	Exits	Transfers	Growth	Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	130,059	\$72,896	0.78	12,903	2.1%	15,113	6,160	6,630	2,323	1.8%
44	Retail Trade	105,752	\$41,275	0.96	5,198	1.0%	15,392	6,466	8,099	827	0.8%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	96,274	\$27,686	0.99	5,680	1.2%	18,296	7,694	9,380	1,222	1.3%
52	Finance and Insurance	90,121	\$147,189	2.03	19,080	4.9%	8,841	3,189	4,398	1,254	1.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	87,279	\$109,043	1.06	16,121	4.2%	8,838	2,902	4,255	1,681	1.9%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	86,525	\$55,095	1.24	3,550	0.8%	11,124	4,292	5,678	1,154	1.3%
31	Manufacturing	72,494	\$75,484	0.81	2,137	0.6%	8,014	2,934	4,397	682	0.9%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	71,900	\$64,655	1.29	15,440	5.0%	9,194	3,454	4,456	1,284	1.8%
23	Construction	67,821	\$73,363	1.00	9,893	3.2%	6,720	2,387	3,497	835	1.2%
61	Educational Services	58,331	\$52,439	0.65	3,480	1.2%	6,204	2,705	2,805	694	1.2%
42	Wholesale Trade	54,470	\$93,190	1.29	5,784	2.3%	6,067	2,221	3,308	537	1.0%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	48,829	\$39,569	1.03	2,610	1.1%	6,281	2,445	3,155	681	1.4%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	40,325	\$144,275	2.32	1,511	0.8%	4,272	1,417	2,055	801	2.0%
92	Public Administration	31,295	\$69,472	0.60	1,876	1.2%	3,263	1,277	1,615	371	1.2%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	27,271	\$61,048	1.21	687	0.5%	4,583	1,732	2,353	498	1.8%
51	Information	23,672	\$110,384	1.08	-2,176	-1.7%	2,519	839	1,290	391	1.7%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,495	\$80,870	1.13	3,540	3.5%	2,521	1,044	1,137	340	1.5%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	3,167	\$48,209	0.23	-360	-2.1%	405	185	195	25	0.8%
22	Utilities	3,116	\$116,090	0.54	492	3.5%	321	112	162	47	1.5%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	574	\$59,496	0.14	1	0.0%	59	20	33	6	1.0%
	Total - All Industries	1,121,768	\$74,633	1.00	107,446	2.0%	138,678	54,237	68,723	15,718	1.4%

Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2024Q1

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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^{1.} All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 150,502 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (113,437 workers) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (113,387). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Computer and Mathematical Occupations (LQ = 1.25), Business and Financial Operations Occupations (1.24), and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.16).

Occupation groups in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$145,700), Legal Occupations (\$134,700), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$117,600). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 0.9% among Legal Occupations to 5.6% among Transportation and Material Moving Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is expected to be Computer and Mathematical Occupations with a +2.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (+1,879 jobs) and Business and Financial Operations Occupations (+1,524). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Office and Administrative Support Occupations (17,404 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (17,109).

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, 2024Q11

			Current					5-Year History 1-Yea					ear Forecast		
soc	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth	
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	150,502	\$48,800	1.11	4,190	2.9%	4,771	6,245	0.9%	18,143	8,099	9,305	739	0.5%	
41-0000	Sales and Related	113,437	\$61,100	1.15	4,209	3.8%	9,098	6,056	1.1%	15,722	6,504	8,100	1,117	1.0%	
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	113,387	\$46,700	1.16	5,839	5.6%	4,419	17,085	3.3%	16,933	6,115	8,940	1,879	1.7%	
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	90,465	\$34,000	0.99	4,490	5.4%	5,892	5,555	1.3%	18,273	7,664	9,445	1,164	1.3%	
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	88,383	\$97,800	1.24	2,087	2.3%	8,659	17,263	4.4%	8,806	2,801	4,481	1,524	1.7%	
11-0000	Management	80,531	\$145,700	0.96	1,322	1.6%	10,401	16,008	4.5%	7,861	2,372	4,049	1,440	1.8%	
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	60,031	\$106,500	0.91	711	1.3%	9,650	8,562	3.1%	4,577	1,973	1,551	1,052	1.8%	
51-0000	Production	55,197	\$48,700	0.89	2,139	4.2%	1,865	-543	-0.2%	6,609	2,503	3,689	417	0.8%	
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	49,656	\$53,900	0.97	2,344	5.3%	1,449	5,224	2.2%	5,093	1,774	2,644	675	1.4%	
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	46,326	\$60,700	1.06	925	2.4%	3,677	4,888	2.3%	4,991	1,873	2,397	720	1.6%	
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	44,816	\$117,600	1.25	952	2.0%	7,888	7,250	3.6%	3,970	1,054	1,783	1,134	2.5%	
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	43,374	\$54,200	0.72	944	2.2%	2,905	1,731	0.8%	4,662	2,083	2,011	569	1.3%	
31-0000	Healthcare Support	36,487	\$39,900	0.72	1,015	3.1%	2,044	3,369	2.0%	6,161	2,422	2,943	796	2.2%	
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	33,062	\$37,600	0.90	1,560	5.1%	1,314	1,585	1.0%	5,069	2,147	2,486	436	1.3%	
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	26,703	\$38,500	0.96	963	3.9%	1,103	1,154	0.9%	5,561	2,015	3,057	489	1.8%	
33-0000	Protective Service	23,107	\$48,100	0.95	716	3.3%	862	1,571	1.4%	3,130	1,306	1,546	278	1.2%	

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, 2024Q11

				Cı	urrent			5-Year	History		1	-Year Foreca	st	
soc	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	19,292	\$67,900	0.94	701	3.3%	1,208	563	0.6%	2,324	861	1,160	303	1.6%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	15,350	\$57,800	0.75	401	2.6%	1,875	840	1.1%	1,728	660	779	289	1.9%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	15,299	\$94,500	0.84	261	1.7%	2,566	1,413	2.0%	1,349	461	630	257	1.7%
23-0000	Legal	7,839	\$134,700	0.86	69	0.9%	914	969	2.7%	688	250	298	141	1.8%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	6,824	\$87,200	0.69	214	2.7%	865	702	2.2%	737	152	463	123	1.8%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	1,700	\$41,700	0.26	103	5.5%	27	-43	-0.5%	273	98	159	16	1.0%
	Total - All Occupations	1,121,768	\$67,200	1.00	36,157	3.4%	83,453	107,446	2.0%	142,791	55,185	71,916	15,690	1.4%

Source: JobsEQ®

Data as of 2024Q1 unless noted otherwise

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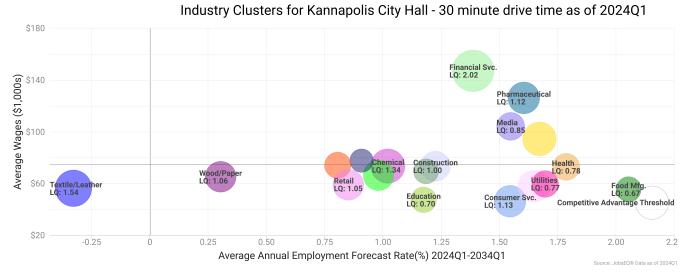
- 1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.
- 2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2023Q4, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q1. Wages by occupation are as of 2024 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

^{3.} Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time with the highest relative concentration is Financial Svc. with a location quotient of 2.02. This cluster employs 90,274 workers in the region with an average wage of \$147,008. Employment in the Financial Svc. cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.4% per year over the next ten years.



Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2023Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q1. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is projected to grow 1.4% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.7% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.8% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.7% per year.

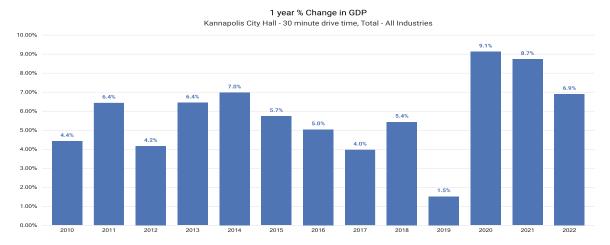
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels Doctoral or professional degree (\$183,700) 1.7% Master's degree (\$98,300) 2.4% Bachelor's degree (\$109,500) 1.8% Associate's degree (\$65,300) 1.7% Postsecondary non-degree award (\$53,400) 1.6% High school diploma or equivalent (\$53,600) 1.2% Some college, no degree (\$49,900) 0.9% None (\$35,900) 1.2% All Levels (\$67,200) 1.4%

Employment by occupation data are estimates are as of 2024Q1. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2024Q1

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2023, nominal GDP in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time expanded 6.9%. This follows growth of 8.7% in 2022. As of 2023, total GDP in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time was \$196,190,663,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Of the sectors in the Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, Finance and Insurance contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2023, \$34,672,235,000 The next-largest contributions came from Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$27,751,083,000); Manufacturing (\$17,146,986,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$14,595,299,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time, 2023

Finance and Insurance (52)

\$34,672

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$27,751

Manufacturing (31)

\$17,147

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

\$14,595

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54)

\$14,153

Wholesale Trade (42)

\$11,992

Retail Trade (44)



\$10,001

Transportation and Warehousing (48)



\$9,691

Management of Companies and Enterprises (55)



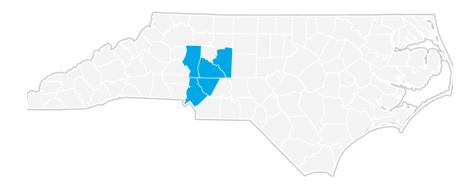
\$8,955

Construction (23)

\$8,247

Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time Regional Map



Region Definition

Kannapolis City Hall - 30 minute drive time is defined as the following counties:

Cabarrus County, North Carolina	Mecklenburg County, North Carolina				
Davidson County, North Carolina	Rowan County, North Carolina				
Iredell County, North Carolina					

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the "all industry" level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the "sector," which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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