

# BARRIERS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Closing the Educational Attainment Gap in North Carolina

## Our Client

**myFutureNC** is a statewide nonprofit organization focused on increasing educational attainment through cross-sector engagement.



myFutureNC's goal is to have

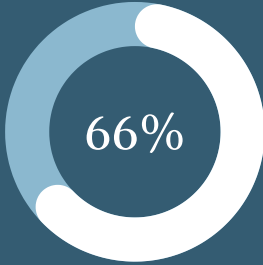
# 2 million

North Carolinians with a high quality degree or credential by

# 2030

## The Current Problem

2/3 of 2-year college students don't complete their degree



## Our Focus

Identify **non-financial, non-academic barriers** to postsecondary degree completion in NC and **propose policy solutions** that mitigate these barriers.

**Less Than 1/2**

of North Carolinians ages 25-44 complete higher education

## Identified Barriers



Food Insecurity



Mental Health



Childcare



Technology



Citizenship



First Generation



Transportation



Academic Advising



Housing

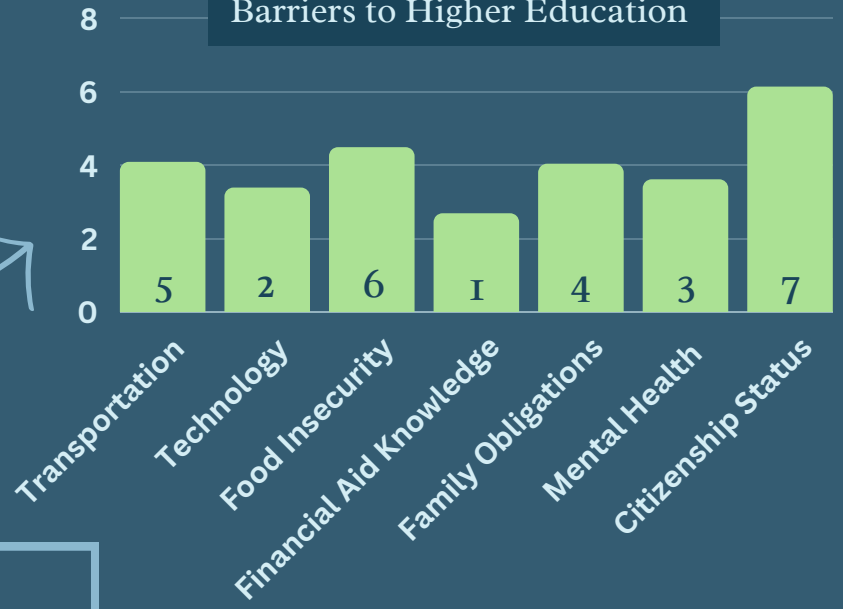
## Survey



Survey of **49** relevant stakeholders on the most impactful barriers for students

- Students
- Guidance Counselors & College Advisors
- Community Organization Leaders
- NC Board of Education Members

Survey Ranking Identified Barriers to Higher Education



## What Can Be Done?

### Solution #1

Increasing Support for CCP & Dual Enrollment Programs

### Solution #2

Implementing a State-level Childcare Grant for Student Parents

### Solution #3

Affordable Housing Emergency Grants

### Targeted Barriers

