

## Anson High School Volleyball

• **Wednesday, October 2 - Anson won their away game against CATA (3-0)** 25-15, 25-9, 25-20. **Stat Leaders for the game: Aces:** Lauren Lomax 3, Brooklyn Miles 3, Alena Steagall 2, Alena Baxter 2. **Kills:** Alena Baxter 10, Steagall 10, Gretchen Henry 7. **Assists:** Allie Steagall 30, Hannah Austin 5. **Digs:** Hannah Austin 26, Allie Steagall 12, Sophia Yang 11.

• **Monday, October 7 - Anson won their home game against Albemarle (3-0)** 25-15, 25-14, 25-15. **Stat Leaders for the game: Aces:** Hannah Austin 4, Brooklyn Miles 3, Alena Baxter 3. **Kills:** Alena Baxter 9, Lauren Lomax 8, Eva Hyatt 5. **Assists:** Allie Steagall 21, Hannah Austin 3. **Digs:** Hannah Austin 9, Allie Steagall 9, Alena Baxter 5, Lauren Lomax 5 Sophia Yang 5.

• **Wednesday, October 9 - Anson lost their away game against West Stanly (0-3)** 20-25, 15-25, 15-25. **Stat Leaders for the game: Aces:** Allie Steagall 2, Brooklyn Miles 1, Sophia Yang 1, Layla Britt 1. **Kills:** Alena Baxter 8, Brooklyn Miles 5, Allie Steagall 4, Eva Hyatt 3. **Assists:** Allie Steagall 13, Hannah Austin 2. **Digs:** Hannah Austin 15, Allie Steagall 13, Brooklyn Miles 6. **Blocks:** Eva Hyatt 1, Alena Baxter 1.

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Yang 1, Layla Britt 1. **Kills:** Alena Baxter 8, Brooklyn Miles 5, Allie Steagall 4, Eva Hyatt 3. **Assists:** Allie Steagall 13, Hannah Austin 2. **Digs:** Hannah Austin 15, Allie Steagall 13, Brooklyn Miles 6. **Blocks:** Eva Hyatt 1, Alena Baxter 1.

## Helping Parents of Young Children Reenter the Workforce Could Boost NC's GDP by Up to \$7.5 Billion

**Report Finds Thousands of Parents of Young Children on the Sidelines of NC's Workforce, Costing Billions in Economic Input**

A new report released today by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and NC Child says helping parents of young children get back into North Carolina's workforce could add up to \$7.5 billion to the state's GDP, generate up to an additional \$13.3 billion in annual economic input, and create up to 68,000 new jobs statewide.

"Quality child care and early childhood education are a triple play, giving children access to a great education, helping parents to join the workforce and allowing businesses to hire high-quality employees," said Governor Roy Cooper. "This report shows that investing in child care can help generate billions for our economy, bringing thousands of jobs to North Carolina and help our families and children thrive."

This new research arrives as many communities across Western North Carolina work to recover from devastating effects of Hurricane Helene, including employment losses and impacts on more than 200 licensed child care providers.

Prepared and released in partnership by N.C. Commerce and NC Child, the Empowering Work report leverages economic modeling to estimate the economic benefits of increasing employment among working-age adults who are currently out of the workforce.

### Other key findings include:

- 100,000 fewer working-age parents with young children participated in North Carolina's labor force in 2023 than in 2019
- An estimated 14,000 - 31,000 working-age North Carolinians with young children could have potentially returned to the workforce in 2023

"Far too often, a lack of high-quality, affordable child care holds North Carolinians back from the workforce, costing families economic opportunity and creating talent recruitment and retention challenges for employers," said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "Expanding access to child care is essential to developing the robust workforce North Carolina needs, and critical to helping disaster-impacted communities recover."

"The Empowering Work report confirms the vital role of child care access in helping parents maintain employment and support their families," said Erica Palmer Smith, executive director of NC Child. "Greater public investment in early childhood education can help children succeed while enabling a thriving economy."

The Empowering Work report identifies policy opportunities to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care in North Carolina, through the following significant public investments:

- NC Child Care Subsidy Program enhancements, including a statewide floor for subsidy reimbursements
- NC Child Care Stabilization Grants
- Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit expansion
- NC Pre-K expansion
- Smart Start expansion
- NC Tri-Share Child Care Pilot Program
- Child Care WAGE\$ Program expansion
- Offering child care professionals free child care tuition through the state's Child Care Subsidy Program
- Connecting aspiring child care professionals postsecondary credential attainment programs, apprenticeships, and tuition assistance

The report also encourages leaders and stakeholders to consider supporting greater employer engagement with child care access solutions, including child care access in local, state, and regional workforce and economic development efforts, and identifying and scaling innovative public-private partnerships that improve child care access.

The Empowering Work report is the latest example of statewide research connecting increased access to child care with greater economic opportunity in North Carolina. In June 2024, the NC Chamber of Commerce released the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and NC Child released the Untapped Potential report, which estimated that gaps in North Carolina's child care system cost North Carolina's economy about \$5.65 billion annually. In 2023, the NC Chamber of Commerce Foundation released survey results indicating that voters from across the political spectrum view taking action to ensure more working families have access to child care as an important priority for North Carolina.

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### A COMMENTARY OF A CHOSEN VESSEL

When after voting I saw someone calling people over telling them to vote against the Referendum that only citizens should be able to vote. Yes, they can say that. It's their free speech right. In their words, "But you got to vote against this Referendum!"

**Referendum Constitutional Amendment**  
Referendum amendment to provide that only a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age and otherwise possessing the qualifications for voting shall be entitled to vote at any election in this state.

To those who marched at Selma, Alabama. To the Veterans who died for our freedom to have free speech, rights and the right to vote. My turn of free speech - Why would I give those who cross over the border saying I'm here let me vote?

I will ask you to think before you vote. Freedom to vote came with a price. So are you willing to give your rights to someone else? Please vote for the Constitutional Amendment Referendum. Freedoms have come at too high of a cost to just give them away.

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Thursday, October 17	8:00am - 7:30pm
Friday, October 18	8:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday, October 19	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, October 20	Closed
Monday, October 21	8:00am - 7:30pm
Tuesday, October 22	8:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday, October 23	8:00am - 7:30pm
Thursday, October 24	8:00am - 7:30pm
Friday, October 25	8:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday, October 26	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, October 27	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Monday, October 28	8:00am - 7:30pm
Tuesday, October 29	8:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday, October 30	8:00am - 7:30pm
Thursday, October 31	8:00am - 7:30pm
Friday, November 1	8:00am - 7:30pm
Saturday, November 2	8:00am - 3:00pm

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