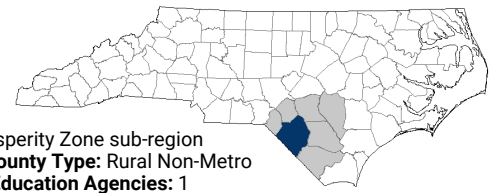


Robeson County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile



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INTRODUCTION

From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8

High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.



Robeson County has 39 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 22 or 56% were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career

High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Access and Success

These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Robeson County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.



Robeson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 321:1.

Labor Market Outcomes

Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.



12.4% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 8.9% of peer counties.

Opportunities for Growth

Compared to rural non-metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Robeson County to improve future attainment outcomes.



Low-Performing Schools

56% of Robeson County schools are low-performing, above the rural non-metro county average of 19%.



Reading Performance

25% of Robeson County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 41%.



Math Performance

22% of Robeson County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 36%.

COUNTY OVERVIEW

Robeson County is in the **Fayetteville-Lumberton** Prosperity Zone sub-region. It's one of 50 rural non-metro counties in NC.

Overall, 4% of 25-44-year-olds in Robeson County have earned a master's degree or higher as their highest degree; 9% have a bachelor's degree; 10% have an associate degree; 24% have some college, no degree; 32% have a high school diploma; and 21% have less than a high school diploma.

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| 2018 Population | 131,600 |
| 2030 Population | 125,259 |
| K-12 Students (2019) | |
| Traditional Schools | 21,487 |
| Charter/Private/Home | 2,050 |
| Median Household Income | \$35,407 |
| Child Poverty Rate | 36% |
| Households with Broadband | 54% |

How students in Robeson County traditional public schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, Robeson County needs:

- **54 more eligible 4-year-olds** enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 70%).
- **4,918 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 25%).
- **6,573 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 22%).

Percent of Robeson County schools by academic growth status, 2019

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| Exceeded | 26% |
| Met | 36% |
| Not Met | 38% |

To meet state goals, Robeson County needs:

- **197 more 9th graders** to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 84%).
- **489 more seniors** to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 46%).
- **3,311 more students** to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 26%).



502 students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 9% of peer counties.



519 students participated in Career & College Promise programs (8%) versus 22% of peer counties.

Students in Robeson County completed **1,122 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Health Science; and Business Management & Administration.

Among Robeson County high school graduates:

- **48% of graduates** enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
- **62% of students** who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
- **36% of students** who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 49% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:

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| 1,621 | individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program. |
| 6,792 | Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges. |
| 32,293 | Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges. |

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region:

Public postsecondary institutions graduate **5,110 students per year**. After 5 years, 64% of 2013 graduates were employed in NC, earning an annual average wage of \$36,969.

75% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs. The top gaps are: **Health Science** (above and below bachelor's); **Information Technology** (bachelor's); and **Finance** (bachelor's).

There are **258,519 job openings** projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of \$50,000 or more are: 1) **Registered Nurses**; 2) **Business Operations Specialists, All Other**; 3) **General and Operations Managers**.

| Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region | | |
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| Institution Name | Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18 | Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years |
| Total Enrollments | 52,924 | 54% |
| Fayetteville Technical Community College | 18,684 | 43% |
| Fayetteville State University | 6,522 | 77% |
| University of North Carolina at Pembroke | 6,252 | 79% |
| Sandhills Community College | 5,329 | 39% |
| Richmond Community College | 3,107 | 56% |
| Robeson Community College | 2,631 | 60% |
| Methodist University | 2,149 | 83% |
| Sampson Community College | 2,049 | 27% |
| Southeastern Community College | 1,887 | 54% |
| Bladen Community College | 1,643 | 51% |
| Platt College-Miller-Motte-Fayetteville | 1,504 | 43% |
| St. Andrews University | 756 | 68% |

Notes:

Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at <http://go.unc.edu/countydata>

Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Small Business Center of Robeson Community College

The Small Business Center of Robeson Community College is located in the Charles V. Chrestman Workforce Development Center (Building 18) and it offers approximately 60-75 free seminars each year designed to assist aspiring and existing entrepreneurs. The NC Community Colleges Small Business Center Network offers no-fee confidential counseling, free seminars that are open to the public, and a Small Business Center Resource Center with computers, Internet access, books, and periodicals.




We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you'd like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this [short survey](#).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

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