Alamance County

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Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 151,131
2020 Census: 171,415
Change: 20,284

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Growth Rate
13.4% vs. 9.5%
County State

$53,220 Median Household Income (2020)
20.4% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
88% Households with Broadband (2020)
67% Home Owners (2020)
77% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
4.8% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Continuum

Math Performance
25% of Alamance County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the suburban county average of 34%.

Chronic Absenteeism
34% of Alamance County students are chronically absent from school, above the suburban county average of 26%.

Reading Performance
22% of Alamance County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the suburban county average of 30%.

Educational Attainment
Alamance County residents ages 25-44, 2021

- No Degree: 54.1% (21,973)
- Have Degree or Credential: 45.9% (18,664)

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding.

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Alamance County to improve future attainment outcomes.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

How students in Alamance County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Alamance County needs:

- 46% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 302 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 22% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 5,281 more needed to meet state goal of 72%. 2022
- 25% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 6,342 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 141 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 34% of students are chronically absent from school; 4,914 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Alamance County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 365:1 versus 336:1 in peer counties. 2021

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Alamance County, 2021

Career and College Preparation
951 high school students took at least one AP course (15%) versus 15% in peer counties (2021). Students in Alamance County completed 1,063 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Human Services; and Health Science.

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Alamance County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 41% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 13% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 46% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 93% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 74% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 77% in peer counties. 2021
- 58% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Alamance County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 587 Basic Skills
- 2,329 Continuing Education
- 3,468 Curriculum

15% of Alamance County residents have student loan debt; 10% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

85.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

- 891 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 8,468 graduates in 2020
- 73% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $41,353 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 10,802 in Basic Services
- 5,263 in Career Services
- 467 in Education Services

10.1% of young adults ages 16-24 in Alamance County were not working and not in school versus 11.2% in peer counties. 2019

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
donashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/

Promising Attainment Practices

The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state’s attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Alamance County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Alamance