Anson County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
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Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 26,948
2020 Census: 22,055
Change: -4,893

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Educational Attainment
Anson County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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

Postsecondary Completion
39% of Anson County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

Transition to Postsecondary
36% of Anson County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural metro county average of 49%.

FAFSA Completion
41% of Anson County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural metro county average of 54%.

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

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

- Anson County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2022
- 16% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 778 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 16% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 954 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 18 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 39% of students are chronically absent from school; 832 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Anson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 365:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 41% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 72 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 54% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 36% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021

71% of Anson County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Anson County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Anson County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Anson County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 35% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 24% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 41% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 94% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 72% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 39% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Anson County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 48 Basic Skills
- 373 Continuing Education
- 474 Curriculum

11% of Anson County residents have student loan debt; 15% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

82.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)
- Information Technology (bachelor’s)
- Finance (bachelor’s)

4,230 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 12,495 graduates in 2020
- 74% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $45,387 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 16,131 in Basic Services
- 7,386 in Career Services
- 506 in Education Services

15.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Anson County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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 Anson County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Anson

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