Davidson County

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Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 162,878
2020 Census: 168,930
Change: 6,052

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Education Continuum
Transition points along the continuum.

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

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

Educational Attainment
Davidson County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree
59.2%
23,262

Have Degree or Credential
40.8%
16,013

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

FAFSA Completion
-5.1% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
2.1% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

- 34% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 392 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 26% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 4,902 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 5,693 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 85% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 202 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 16% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,153 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Davidson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 319.1 versus 336.1 in peer counties. 2021

- 56% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 392 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
- 80% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 75% in peer counties. 2021
- 55% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

57% of Davidson County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 49% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Davidson County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 42% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 14% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 44% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 79% 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

Davidson County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 513 Basic Skills
- 1,439 Continuing Education
- 3,240 Curriculum

13% of Davidson County residents have student loan debt; 13% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

83.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

1,224 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 4,918 graduates in 2020
- 78% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,196 in Basic Services
- 1,314 in Career Services
- 144 in Education Services

15.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Davidson County were not working and not in school versus 11.2% 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 Davidson County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Davidson

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/