### Population Spotlight

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### Growth Rate

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### 2030 Proposed Duplin County Attainment Goal

- **2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)**
- **2030 Proposed Duplin County Attainment Goal: 6,107 (40%)**

### Education Continuum

- **Duplin County**
- **Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline**
- **Top Opportunities for Growth**
- **Math Performance**
- **Reading Performance**
- **School Counselors**

### 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 Duplin County to improve future attainment outcomes.

### Math Performance

- 17% of Duplin County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

### Reading Performance

- 16% of Duplin County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 24%.

### School Counselors

- Duplin County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 405:1, above the rural non-metro county average of 318:1.

### How students in Duplin County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Duplin County needs:

- 64% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 55 more needed to meet state goal of 75% in 2022.
- 16% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,504 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2022.
- 17% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 3,035 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2022.
- 86% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 64 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2021.
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- Duplin County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 405:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021
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### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Duplin County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 28% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 13% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 58% 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

- 70% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 61% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Duplin County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 173 Basic Skills
- 967 Continuing Education
- 1,575 Curriculum

- 13% of Duplin County residents have student loan debt; 12% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.5% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (all levels)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

- 117 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020
- 1,646 graduates in 2020
- 75% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $38,627 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 11,622 in Basic Services
- 5,489 in Career Services
- 674 in Education Services

- 13.2% of young adults ages 16-24 in Duplin 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 Duplin County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Duplin

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