### 2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

2030 Proposed Forsyth County Attainment Goal: 70,763 (63%)

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#### Population Spotlight
- 2010 Census: 350,670
- 2020 Census: 382,590
- Change: 31,920

#### Growth Rate
- Forsyth County: 9.1%
- State: 9.5%

#### Median Household Income
- 2020: $56,158
- 2020 Child Poverty Rate: 24.4%
- 2020 Home Owners: 62%
- 2020 Voter Registration Rate: 83%
- 2020 Unemployment Rate: 4.9%

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#### Educational Attainment
Forsyth County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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

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

- **Chronic Absenteeism**
  - 36% of Forsyth County students are chronically absent from school, above the urban county average of 26%.

- **NC Pre-K Enrollment**
  - 30% of Forsyth County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the urban county average of 40%.

- **Earning College Credit in High School**
  - 8% of Forsyth County graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the urban county average of 17%. Also, 19% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 25%.

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

- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**
  - 2021-22 vs. 2019-20: -3.2%
  - Postsecondary Enrollment: -0.0% 2021 vs. 2020

- **FAFSA Completion**
  - 2021-22 vs. 2018-19: -1.5%

- **Postsecondary Intentions**
  - 2020-21 vs. 2018-19: -4.7%

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#### Data Disruptions

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#### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Forsyth County, 2021

- Overall: 79%
- Male: 79%
- Female: 79%
- Black: 80%
- Hispanic: 79%
- White: 83%
- Low-Income: 77%
- Not Low-Income: 80%

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

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

To meet state goals, each year Forsyth County needs:

- **30% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program**: 1,074 more needed to meet state goal of 75% in 2022.
- **24% of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading**: 11,735 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2022.
- **27% of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math**: 14,262 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2022.
- **85% of 9th graders graduate within four years**: 424 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2021.
- **36% of students are chronically absent from school**: 12,809 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2021.

Forsyth County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 335:1 versus 294:1 in peer counties. 2021

- **59% of seniors completed the FAFSA** in 2022; 741 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%.
  - [Link](https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/)
- **77% of graduates reported intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 81% in peer counties. 2021
- **60% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 62% in peer counties. 2021
- **53% of Forsyth County students have parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 40% in peer counties.

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#### Career and College Preparation

- **2,902 high school students took at least one AP course**: 324 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (8%) versus 17% in peer counties (2021). Students in Forsyth County completed 1,639 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

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#### Voter Registration Rate
- Overall: 83%
- Male: 81%
- Female: 83%
- Black: 79%
- Hispanic: 81%
- White: 84%

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Success of Forsyth County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 49% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 16% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 34% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 89% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 81% in peer counties. 2021
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 62% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Forsyth County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 688 Basic Skills
- 2,863 Continuing Education
- 6,486 Curriculum

18% of Forsyth County residents have student loan debt; 9% 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.

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

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:

- 12,639 in Basic Services
- 5,245 in Career Services
- 785 in Education Services

11.8% of young adults ages 16-24 in Forsyth County were not working and not in school versus 9.2% 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 Forsyth County has been meeting local needs:

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

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

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