Hoke County
NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile

INTRODUCTION
From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to improve educational attainment and workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

COUNTY OVERVIEW
Hoke County is in the Fayetteville-Lumberton Prosperity Zone sub-region. It’s one of 28 rural metro counties in NC. Overall, 6% of 25-44-year-olds in Hoke County have earned a master’s degree or higher as their highest degree; 15% have a bachelor’s degree; 13% have an associate degree; 30% have some college, no degree; 26% have a high school diploma; and 10% have less than a high school diploma.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.
Hoke County has 13 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 1 or 8% were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career
High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

How students in Hoke County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Hoke County needs:
• 23 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 71%).
• 1,411 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 39%).
• 2,128 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 34%).

To meet state goals, Hoke County needs:
• 92 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 80% vs. 80%).
• 175 more seniors to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 44%).
• 463 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 16%).

Students in Hoke County completed 185 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources, and Human Services.

Postsecondary Access and Success
These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Hoke County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.
Hoke County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 512:1.

Among Hoke County high school graduates:
• 48% of graduates enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
• 74% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
• 37% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 50% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:
1,621 individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program.
6,792 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.
32,293 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

Labor Market Outcomes
Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.
9.1% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 9.4% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region:
Public postsecondary institutions graduate 5,110 students per year. After 5 years, 64% of 2013 graduates were employed in NC, earning an average wage of $36,969.
75% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs. The top gaps are: Health Science (above and below bachelor’s); Information Technology (bachelor’s); and Finance (bachelor’s).
There are 258,519 job openings projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of $50,000 or more are: 1) Registered Nurses; 2) Business Operations Specialists, All Other; 3) General and Operations Managers.

Opportunities for Growth
Compared to rural metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Hoke County to improve future attainment outcomes.

Postsecondary Completion
37% of Hoke County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 50%.

FAFSA Completion
44% of Hoke County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural metro county average of 54%.

Transition to Postsecondary
48% of Hoke County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural metro county average of 57%.
### Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region

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<th>Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18</th>
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<td>Total Enrollments</td>
<td>52,924</td>
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<td>Fayetteville Technical Community College</td>
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<td>Fayetteville State University</td>
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<td>University of North Carolina at Pembroke</td>
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<td>Platt College-Miller-Motte-Fayetteville</td>
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<td>St. Andrews University</td>
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**Notes:**
Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at [http://go.unc.edu/countydata](http://go.unc.edu/countydata)

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### Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Virtual Academy Collaborative

The Innovation Project (TIP) consortium consists of school districts working together on projects to advance public education in North Carolina. One project is creating virtual course packages for Math I, Math II, Math III, English I/II, and Biology. In Hoke County teachers use the materials to remediate struggling students and extend learning for students needing enrichment. Some teachers like the resources so much they have created blended learning stations to use them in class.

We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you’d like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this short survey.

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

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