## Lincoln County

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

2030 Proposed Lincoln County Attainment Goal: 14,161 (60%)

### Population Spotlight

- 2020 Census: 86,810
- 2010 Census: 78,265
- Change: 8,545

### Growth Rate

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### Median Household Income

- 2020: $56,183
- 2020 CV: $91,183

### Education continuum.

- COVID-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

### Top Opportunities for Growth

- These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Lincoln County to improve future attainment outcomes.

### Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

- 73% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 9 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,142 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 51 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
- 13% of students are chronically absent from school; 270 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.

### School Choice

- 15,575 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Lincoln County in the 2021-22 school year.

### Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

### Career and College Preparation

- 405 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (47%) versus 33% in peer counties (2021).

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

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

Success of Lincoln County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 42% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 13% 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
- 92% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 77% in peer counties. 2021
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Lincoln County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 88 Basic Skills
- 1,369 Continuing Education
- 1,734 Curriculum

12% of Lincoln County residents have student loan debt; 10% 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.

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

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

16.1% of young adults ages 16-24 in Lincoln 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 Lincoln County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Lincoln

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