### Montgomery County

#### Population Spotlight
- **2010 Census:** 27,798
- **2020 Census:** 25,751
- Change: -2,047

#### Growth Rate
- **County:** -7.4% vs. **State:** 9.5%

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

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

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

#### How students in Montgomery County traditional schools are currently doing:
- To meet state goals, each year Montgomery County needs:
  - 47% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 75 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%.
  - [https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/](https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/)
  - 58% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties.
  - 42% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties.

#### School Choice
4,185 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Montgomery County in the 2021-22 school year.

#### Career and College Preparation
- 13 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).
- Students in Montgomery County completed 87 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Manufacturing; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

#### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Montgomery County, 2021
- Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Montgomery County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 30% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 13% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 56% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- 45% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 64% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 49% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Montgomery County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 76 Basic Skills
- 629 Continuing Education
- 845 Curriculum

10% of Montgomery County residents have student loan debt; 15% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

53.0% 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)

21 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
- 1,663 graduates in 2020
- 71% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $35,097 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 10,802 in Basic Services
- 5,263 in Career Services
- 467 in Education Services

18.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Montgomery 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 Montgomery County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Montgomery

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