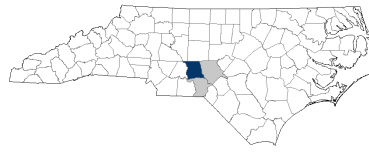# Montgomery County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

Pinehurst-Rockingham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

2030 Proposed Montgomery County Attainment Goal: 2,792 (Stretch Goal: 2,865)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 25,752
2022 Estimate: 25,894
Change: 142

Growth Rate
0.6% County vs. **2.5%** State

$55,313 Median Household Income (2022) **State:** $67,516	**72%** Home Owners (2022) **State:** 67%	**24.4%** Child Poverty Rate (2022) **State:** 17.2%	**11.8%** Opportunity Youth Rate (2022) **State:** 10.9%	**51%** Households with Broadband (2022) **State:** 77%	**3.7%** Unemployment Rate (2022) **State:** 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Montgomery County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree 3,582 — 62.3%
Have Degree or Credential 2,165 — 37.7%

Legend: Less than high school | High school graduate (including GED) | Some college, no credential | Short-term credential | Associate degree | Bachelor's degree | Graduate or professional degree

12%	39%	12%	8%	13%	13%	4%

Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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

Math Performance
23% of Montgomery County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - non-metro county average of 29%.

Reading Performance
19% of Montgomery County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - non-metro county average of 25%.

School Counselors
Montgomery County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 348:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Pinehurst-Rockingham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

52.3% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are **aligned with labor market needs.**

Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science bachelor's and below bachelor's
Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Education & Training 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)

38% of adults (ages 25-44) in Montgomery County earned a **family sustaining wage,** 2022

Montgomery County is served by:
Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board
Piedmont Triad Regional Council

UNC System College Enrollment
Curriculum (chart, 2015–2023, values ~240–320)
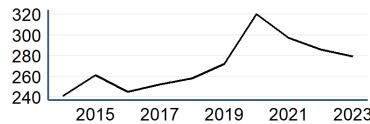
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Pinehurst-Rockingham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5%
Logisticians	4%
Medical and Health Services Managers	3%

Top 3 Employers in Montgomery County

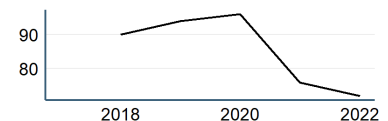| Employer	Employment Range
Montgomery County Bd Education	500-999
Nipcam Services Of North Carolina	250-499
Jordan Lumber & Supply Inc	250-499

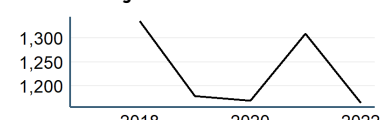### NC Community College Enrollment
Curriculum (chart, 2018–2022, values ~800–950)
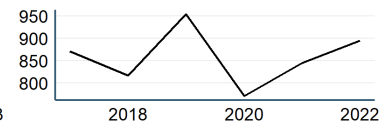
First-time Curriculum Enrollments (chart, 2018–2022, values ~150–300)

Basic Skills (chart, 2018–2022, values ~80–90)

Continuing Education (chart, 2018–2022, values ~1,200–1,300)
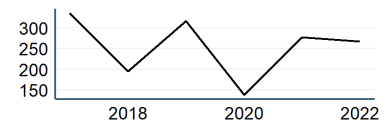
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Adult Learners

Montgomery County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

72 Basic Skills
1,165 Continuing Education
895 Curriculum

8% of Montgomery County residents have **student loan debt**; **9%** of debt holders had **student loans in default.** 2022

Success of Montgomery County High School Graduates

• **68%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **78%** in peer counties. 2022

• **54%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **55%** in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

• **1,098** of all college-goers attended **Montgomery CC**
• **105** of all college-goers attended **Randolph CC**
• **100** of all college-goers attended **Sandhills CC**

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
739 certificate | **1,189** associate | **19** bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Pinehurst-Rockingham Prosperity Zone sub-region
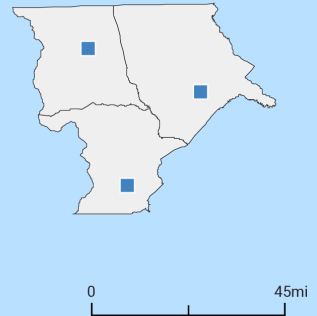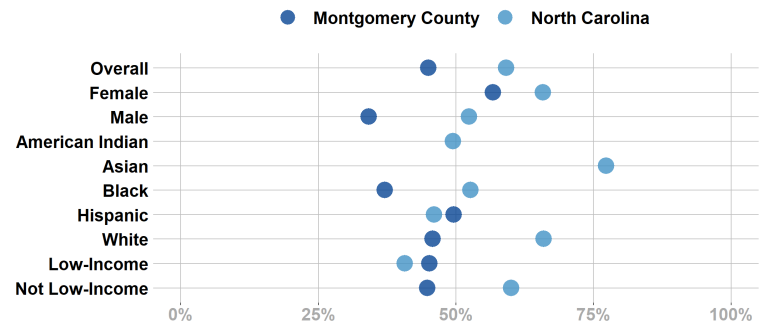
Public, 4-year or above
Public, 2-year
Montgomery Community College, Richmond Community College, Sandhills Community College

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Private not-for-profit, 2-year

▲ 4-year public
■ 2-year public
● 4-year private
✕ 2-year or less private

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COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

• **68%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 30 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023

• **56%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **68%** in peer counties. 2022

• **43%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **52%** in peer counties. 2022

35% of Montgomery County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus **55%** in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Montgomery County, 2022

● Montgomery County ● North Carolina

Overall
Female
Male
American Indian
Asian
Black
Hispanic
White
Low-Income
Not Low-Income

0%   25%   50%   75%   100%

Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Montgomery County traditional schools are doing:

• Montgomery County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: **75%**). 2023

• **19%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 1,031 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023

• **23%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 983 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023

• Montgomery County has met the goal for **high school graduation within four years**. (Goal: **95%**). 2023

• **28%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 604 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023

Montgomery County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **348:1** versus **325:1** in peer counties. 2023

0% of students **drop out of high school** (6 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

School Choice

4,257 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Montgomery County in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

4% 3% 11%
82%

Charter **(4%)**
District **(82%)**
Home **(11%)**
Private **(3%)**
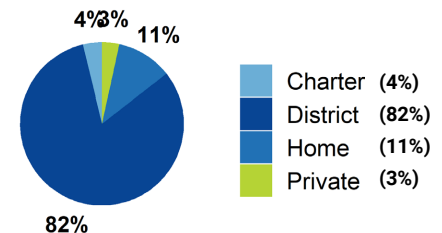
Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Montgomery County completed **1,163 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (69 (6%) were industry-valued credentials) and 190 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Manufacturing; Health Science; and Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics.

Less than 10 high school students took at least one **AP test (NA)** versus **8%** in peer counties (2023).

201 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (74%)** versus **51%** in peer counties (2023).

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

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

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