Montgomery County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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

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

Growth Rate
0.6% vs. 2.5%
County State

$55,313 Median
Home Owners (2022)
State: $67,516

72% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

24.4% Opportunity
Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

14.3% Households with
Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

51% 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%

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

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

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

Top 3 Employers in Montgomery County
Montgomery County Bd Education
Nipcam Services Of North Carolina
Jordan Lumber & Supply Inc
Updated: Feb 12 2024

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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
- 32% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 767 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022
- Montgomery County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 348:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022
- 1% of students drop out of high school (9 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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

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
  - Montgomery Community College
  - Richmond Community College
- Public, 2-year
  - Sandhills Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Montgomery County completed 241 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 124 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Manufacturing; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

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

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.

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