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Educational Attainment
Moore County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
14% of Moore County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural non-metro county average of 68%.

School Counselors
Moore county has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 332:1, above the rural non-metro county average of 318:1.

Opportunity Youth
15% of Moore County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the state average of 12%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
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How students in Moore County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Moore County needs:

- 14% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 244 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 34% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,241 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 37% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 2,801 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 92% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 31 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 28% of students are chronically absent from school; 2,134 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Moore County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 332:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 61% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 185 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 84% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 62% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

42% of Moore County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Moore County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
**Success of Moore County High School Graduates**

***Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020***
- 34% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 11% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 55% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 88% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 76% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 61% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

Moore County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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12% of Moore County residents have student loan debt; 7% 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 students graduated 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

14.8% of young adults ages 16-24 in Moore 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 Moore County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Moore

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

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