Moore County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Moore County Attainment Goal: 19,276 (77%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 88,247
2020 Census: 99,727
Change: 11,480

Growth Rate
13.0% vs. 9.5% County vs. State

Educational Attainment
Moore County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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<th>Has Degree or Credential</th>
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<td>High school graduate (including GED)</td>
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No Degree: 39.7%, 9,220
Have Degree or Credential: 60.3%, 13,994

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 332:1.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-0.4% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment
-5.3% 2021 vs. 2020
FAFSA Completion
-9.0% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
Postsecondary Intentions
-0.5% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

How students in Moore County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Moore County needs:

- 244 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 14%). 2022
- 2,241 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 34%). 2022
- 2,801 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 37%). 2022
- 31 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 92%). 2021
- 2,134 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 28%). 2021

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

How students in Moore County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Moore County needs:

- 61% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (185 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
  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.

Career and College Preparation
714 high school students took at least one AP course (17%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Moore County completed 505 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

School Choice
17,645 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Moore County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

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

- 144 Basic Skills
- 1,710 Continuing Education
- 2,860 Curriculum

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 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

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

Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment

- First-time Curriculum Enrollments: 2013-2021
- Basic Skills: 2013-2021
- Continuing Education: 2013-2021

Number of Moore County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022

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