Nash County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Nash County Attainment Goal: 14,066 (58%)

Population Spotlight
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Growth Rate
-0.9% vs. 9.5%
County State

$49,883 Median Household Income (2020)
20.5% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
87% Households with Broadband (2020)
64% Home Owners (2020)
79% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
6.3% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Nash County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Math Performance
14% of Nash County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural metro county average of 28%.

Chronic Absenteeism
40% of Nash County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural metro county average of 29%.

Reading Performance
15% of Nash County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural metro county average of 25%.

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

Postsecondary Enrollment
-11.9% 2021 vs. 2020

Postsecondary Intentions
-5.5% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

FAFSA Completion
-3.0% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
-5.5% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

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

- 70% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 20 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 15% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 3,779 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 4,684 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 89% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 71 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 40% of students are chronically absent from school; 3,993 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Nash County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 367:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 56% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 222 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 75% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 45% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021

61% of Nash County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

School Choice
17,865 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Nash County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
339 high school students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

421 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (42%) versus 43% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Nash County completed 595 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Nash County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 36% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 15% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 47% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 66% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 53% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Nash County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 255 Basic Skills
- 1,539 Continuing Education
- 2,390 Curriculum

16% of Nash County residents have student loan debt; 15% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.6% 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)
- Finance (bachelor’s)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 2,874 in Basic Services
- 4,021 in Career Services
- 408 in Education Services

16.1% of young adults ages 16-24 in Nash 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 Nash County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Nash

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