North Carolina

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

Population Spotlight

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<th>Census Year</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>9,535,483</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>10,439,388</td>
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Growth Rate

- State: 9.5%

Educational Attainment
North Carolina residents ages 25-44, 2021

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<th>Education Level</th>
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<td>No Degree</td>
<td>42.8%</td>
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<td>Have Degree</td>
<td>57.2%</td>
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Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for North Carolina to improve future attainment outcomes.

- Math Performance
- Increasing the number of 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores in Math is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 37 counties.

- NC Pre-K Enrollment
- Increasing the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 35 counties.

- Transition to Postsecondary
- Increasing the number of high school seniors enrolling in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation is one of the three biggest opportunity areas for 30 counties.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

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

- K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
  -3.4% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

- FAFSA Completion
  -3.4% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

- Postsecondary Intentions
  -5.3% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

How students in North Carolina traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year North Carolina needs:

- 14,245 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 2022)
- 278,954 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 2022)
- 339,640 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 2022)
- 8,667 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 2021)
- 213,622 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 2021)

North Carolina has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 321:1.

Career and College Preparation

67,484 high school students took at least one AP course (2021).

Students in North Carolina completed 53,728 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in North Carolina, 2021

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<td>Overall</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Male</td>
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Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of North Carolina High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 45% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 14% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 40% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 90% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year. 2021
- 59% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years. 2021

Adult Learners

North Carolina resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 26,988 Basic Skills
- 131,916 Continuing Education
- 208,573 Curriculum

16% of North Carolina residents have student loan debt; 10% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In North Carolina:

83.9% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

15,898 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in. 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 84,346 graduates in 2020
- 69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $43,833 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 NC Workforce Development Boards served:

- 215,964 in Basic Services
- 102,436 in Career Services
- 9,883 in Education Services

12.1% of young adults ages 16-24 in North Carolina were not working and not in school. 2021

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 North Carolina has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/

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

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