Randolph County

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 141,752
2020 Census: 144,171
Change: 2,419

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2030 Proposed Randolph County Attainment Goal: 21,511 (55%)

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

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Educational Attainment
Randolph County residents ages 25-44, 2021

| No Degree | 64.9% | 21,714 |
| Have Degree or Credential | 35.1% | 11,744 |

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

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
43% of Randolph County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural metro county average of 59%.

Chronic Absenteeism
34% of Randolph County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural metro county average of 29%.

Reading Performance
22% of Randolph 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.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-4.3% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment
-10.0% 2021 vs. 2020
FAFSA Completion
-14.2% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
Postsecondary Intentions
-14.4% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
• College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
• College-and-Career-Ready in Math
• Chronic Absenteeism

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

• 43% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 283 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
• 22% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 4,577 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
• 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 5,209 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
• 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 134 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
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School Choice
24,841 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Randolph County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
577 high school students took at least one AP course (10%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Randolph County completed 962 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Health Science.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Randolph County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 36% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 51% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- 45% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 73% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 54% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Randolph County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 408 Basic Skills
- 1,946 Continuing Education
- 3,027 Curriculum

11% of Randolph County residents have student loan debt; 10% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

85.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Health Science (below bachelor’s and bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

891 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 8,468 graduates in 2020
- 73% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $41,353 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

13.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Randolph 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 Randolph County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Randolph

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