Randolph County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile

INTRODUCTION
From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

COUNTY OVERVIEW
Randolph County is in the Greensboro Prosperity Zone sub-region. It’s one of 28 rural metro counties in NC.
Overall, 4% of 25-44-year-olds in Randolph County have earned a master’s degree or higher as their highest degree; 13% have a bachelor’s degree; 12% have an associate degree; 25% have some college, no degree; 30% have a high school diploma; and 15% have less than a high school diploma.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.
Randolph County has 39 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 4 or 10% were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career
High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Access and Success
These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Randolph County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.
Randolph County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 369:1.

Labor Market Outcomes
Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.
8.2% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 9.4% of peer counties.

Opportunities for Growth
Compared to rural metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Randolph County to improve future attainment outcomes.

How students in Randolph County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Randolph County needs:
- 390 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 34%).
- 3,195 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 39%).
- 4,433 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 39%).

Among Randolph County high school graduates:
- 55% of graduates enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
- 71% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 50% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:
- 739 individuals served in an Apprenticeship program.
- 6,843 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.
- 34,670 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2017-2026:
- There are 469,667 job openings projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of $50,000 or more are: 1) Registered Nurses; 2) Sales Representatives; 3) General and Operations Managers.

NC Pre-K Enrollment
34% of Randolph County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural metro county average of 54%.

First-Year Persistence
71% of Randolph County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the rural metro county average of 73%.

Transition to Postsecondary
55% of Randolph County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

KNOWLEDGE BUILDER
How do I get involved?
- Join a Prosperity Zone leadership initiative and join the conversation to develop strategies and interventions.
- Connect with local organizations, employers, and government agencies to understand the opportunities and challenges in your region.
- Investigate partnerships and funding opportunities to implement solutions that will improve educational attainment and workforce alignment.
- Support local schools and colleges by volunteering your time or offering your expertise in areas such as career readiness, workforce development, and economic growth.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH
- BUILDING THE FOUNDATION: PRE-K TO 8
- READY FOR COLLEGE & CAREER
- POSTSECONDARY ACCESS AND SUCCESS
- LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES
**Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region**

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<th>Institution Name</th>
<th>Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18</th>
<th>Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years</th>
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<td>Total Enrollments</td>
<td>71,877</td>
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<td>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</td>
<td>18,374</td>
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<td>Guilford Technical Community College</td>
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<td>North Carolina A &amp; T State University</td>
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<td>Elon University</td>
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**Notes:**
Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at [http://go.unc.edu/countydata](http://go.unc.edu/countydata)

**Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: FindYourCenterNC**

FindYourCenterNC.com is an initiative of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) and its regional partners. PTRC serves the members of 12 counties and the residents of the Piedmont Triad region to implement creative regional solutions with the mission to improve the lives of the community. The PTRC accomplishes its mission by administering programs related to criminal justice, housing services, regional planning, workforce development, and more.

We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you’d like to share with MyFutureNC, please respond to this short survey.

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

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