Rockingham County

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Change: -2,547

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Educational Attainment
Rockingham County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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<td>61.9%</td>
<td>38.1%</td>
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Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Rockingham County to improve future attainment outcomes.

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

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

- 41% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 201 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 23% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,492 more needed to meet state goal of 72%. 2022
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 2,861 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 67 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 37% of students are chronically absent from school; 2,785 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Rockingham County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 427.1 versus 362.1 in peer counties. 2021

School Choice
13,863 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Rockingham County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
299 high school students took at least one AP course (9%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).
Students in Rockingham County completed 428 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Hospitality & Tourism.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Rockingham County, 2021

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

**Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020**

- 38% of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
- 11% of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
- 50% of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
- <5% of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
- 93% of college-goers attended an **in-state college**

- 69% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 57% of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

**Rockingham County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021**

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<th>Continuing Education</th>
<th>Curriculum</th>
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<td>99</td>
<td>1,282</td>
<td>1,935</td>
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11% of Rockingham County residents have **student loan debt**; 15% 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.

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<td>Transportation, Distribution &amp; Logistics (below bachelor’s)</td>
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<td>Health Science (below bachelor’s and bachelor’s)</td>
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<td>Business Management &amp; Administration (bachelor’s)</td>
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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:

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<th>In Education Services</th>
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<td>12,639</td>
<td>5,245</td>
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18.9% of young adults ages 16-24 in Rockingham 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 Rockingham County has been meeting local needs:

[https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Rockingham](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Rockingham)

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