Stokes County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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Growth Rate
1.5% vs. 2.5%

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

Earning College Credit in High School
<5% of Stokes County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 7%. Also, 28% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 31%.

Adult Learners
18% of Stokes County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.

First-Year Persistence
75% of Stokes County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the state average of 83%.

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 Stokes County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Stokes

In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
82.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science below bachelor’s degree
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s degree
Business Management & Administration below bachelor’s degree

1,224 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
4,918 graduates in 2020
78% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
$43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

49% of adults (ages 25-44) in Stokes County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

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Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners 4%
Logisticians 4%
Data Scientists 4%

Top 3 Employers in Stokes County
Employer Employment Range
Stokes County Schools 500-999
County Of Stokes 250-499
Wal-Mart Associates Inc. 250-499

Stokes County is served by:
Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
Piedmont Triad Regional Council

Labor Market Alignment

Carolina Demography

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John M Belk Endowment Endowment

UNC
Carolina Population Center
Adult Learners

Stokes County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- Basic Skills: 31
- Continuing Education: 1,280
- Curriculum: 942

10% of Stokes County residents have student loan debt; 5% of debt holders had student loans in default.

Success of Stokes County High School Graduates

- 75% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 56% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 1,078 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 290 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 44 of all college-goers attended Guilford TCC

How students in Stokes County traditional schools are doing:

- 68% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 15 more needed to meet state goal of 75% in 2022.
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,442 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2023.
- 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,863 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2023.
- 89% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 27 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2023.
- 21% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 541 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2022.

Stokes County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 271:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2022

1% of students drop out of high school (20 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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