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myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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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
6% of Stokes County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 8%. Also, 41% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 43%.

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.

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

UNC System College Enrollment
Curriculum

NC Community College Enrollment
Curriculum

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

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Basic Skills
Continuing Education

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Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 2,323 certificate
- 2,089 associate
- 2,703 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above
  University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem State University
- Public, 2-year
  Davidson-Davie Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Surry Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  Carolina Christian College, Carolina University, Salem College, Wake Forest University
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

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 2023
- 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; 1,363 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
- 22% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 657 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2023

Stokes County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 271:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties, 2023
- 2% of students drop out of high school (37 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Stokes County, 2022

School Choice
6,650 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Stokes County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Stokes County completed 2,408 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (326 (14%) were industry-valued credentials) and 298 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

106 high school students took at least one AP test (6%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
168 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (41%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

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