### Swain County

#### 2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
#### 2030 Proposed Swain County Attainment Goal: 1,475 (45%)

### Population Spotlight
- 2010 Census: 13,981
- 2020 Census: 14,117
- Change: 136

### Education Pipeline

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

#### Top Opportunities for Growth
- These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Swain County to improve future attainment outcomes.
  - **High School Graduation**
    - 77% of Swain County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural non-metro county average of 86%.
  - **Transition to Postsecondary**
    - 44% of Swain County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural non-metro county average of 50%.
  - **Opportunity Youth**
    - 20% of Swain County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the rural non-metro county average of 15%.

### How students in Swain County traditional schools are currently doing:
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  - **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**: 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
    - -4.2%
  - **FAFSA Completion**: 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
    - -4.7%
  - **Postsecondary Intentions**: 2020-21 vs. 2018-19
    - -13.1%
  - **Postsecondary Enrollment**: 2021 vs. 2020
    - -1.5%

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

### Academic Readiness

#### K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
- 2022-23 vs. 2019-20
- -4.2%

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#### School Choice
- 2,284 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Swain County in the 2021-22 school year.

#### Career and College Preparation
- 34 high school students took at least one AP course (6%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).
- 72 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (65%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

#### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Swain County, 2021
- Swain County
- North Carolina

#### Note:
- Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

### Academic Indicators

#### Pre-K Enrollment
- 75% of Swain County 4-year-olds were enrolled in Pre-K programs in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

#### College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- 74% of Swain County 9th graders complete math; 376 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

#### College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- 77% of Swain County seniors enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021

#### Chronic Absenteeism
- 72% of Swain County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.
Swain County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Swain County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 40% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 48% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 87% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 55% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Swain County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 58 Basic Skills
- 381 Continuing Education
- 459 Curriculum

9% of Swain County residents have student loan debt; 8% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

81.2% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

- 15 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
- 3,111 graduates in 2020
- 69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $41,526 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 6,126 in Basic Services
- 3,913 in Career Services
- 212 in Education Services

20.3% of young adults ages 16-24 in Swain 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 Swain County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Swain

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