Warren County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Warren County Attainment Goal: 2,475 (50%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 20,972
2020 Census: 18,642
Change: -2,330

Growth Rate
-11.1% vs. 9.5% County vs. State

$42,808 Median Household Income (2020)
36.4% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
68% Households with Broadband (2020)
72% Home Owners (2020)
73% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
7.7% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Warren County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Math Performance
5% of Warren County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

High School Graduation
72% of Warren County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural non-metro county average of 86%.

Reading Performance
11% of Warren County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 24%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-3.7% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-6.6% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-38.0% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-18.1% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Warren County, 2021

School Choice
2,127 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Warren County in the 2021-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

Career and College Preparation
Fewer than 10 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Warren County completed 41 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Marketing; and Health Science.

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

- Warren County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 91%), 2022
- 486 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 11%), 2022
- 633 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 5%), 2022
- 36 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 72%), 2021
- 342 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 31%), 2021
- Warren County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 282:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties, 2021

- 45% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (37 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%)
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 56% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 42% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021
- 65% of Warren County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 52% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 33% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 79% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 52% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Warren County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 13 Basic Skills
- 384 Continuing Education
- 314 Curriculum

- 13% of Warren County residents have student loan debt; 10% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.8% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (below bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)
- Information Technology (bachelor’s)

5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 19,047 graduates in 2020
- 65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 5,026 in Basic Services
- 2,166 in Career Services
- 109 in Education Services

- 20.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Warren 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 Warren County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Warren

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/