Washington County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)  
2030 Proposed Washington County Attainment Goal: 1,124 (43%)

Population Spotlight  
2010 Census: 13,228  
2020 Census: 11,003  
Change: -2,225

Educational Attainment  
Washington 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 Washington County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- Chronic Absenteeism  
- Math Performance  
- Reading Performance

Chronic Absenteeism  
59% of Washington County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

Math Performance  
11% of Washington County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

Reading Performance  
11% of Washington 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)  
- Postsecondary Enrollment  
- FAFSA Completion  
- Postsecondary Intentions  
- Data Disruptions

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

- 3 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 72%). 2022
- 308 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 11%). 2022
- 371 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 11%). 2022
- 12 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 82%). 2021
- 498 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 59%). 2021

Washington County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 207:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 53% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (20 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).  
https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 70% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 50% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

- 61% of Washington County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

School Choice  
1,420 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Washington 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).

37 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (44%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Washington County completed 65 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Health Science.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Washington County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 47% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 13% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 37% 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

- 67% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 44% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Washington County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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- 13% of Washington County residents have student loan debt; 8% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,785 in Basic Services
- 2,643 in Career Services
- 293 in Education Services

- 17.2% of young adults ages 16-24 in Washington 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.

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