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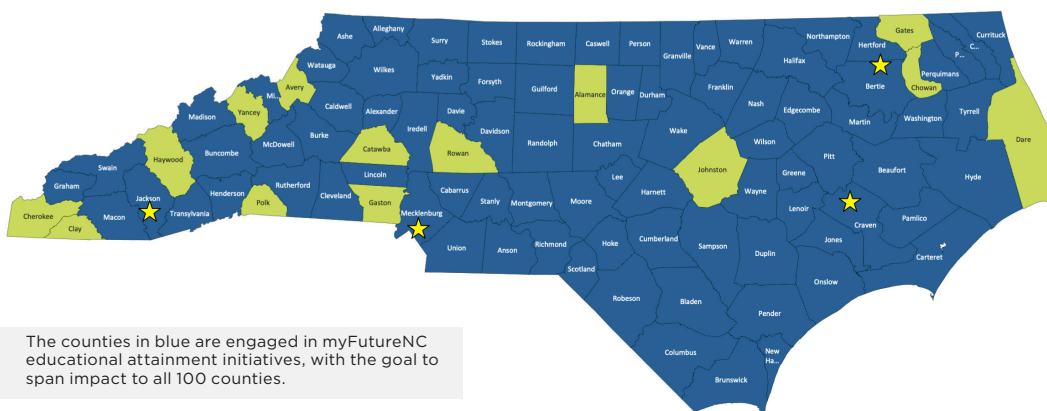
2021 Year in Review

This year marks a critical year in myFutureNC's journey. The urgent need to increase educational attainment across North Carolina is both an economic development concern and an educational equity opportunity for our great state.

ENGAGE AND ACTIVATE

A SHARED VISION FOR ATTAINMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

The work of myFutureNC combines actionable data tools and information to aid in decision making at the state and local levels. At a time when it can be particularly difficult to stay connected, our efforts have expanded to include meaningful engagement **across 86 counties in North Carolina**, where we are supporting communities to implement and spread practices that accelerate educational outcomes and catalyze action by building awareness, and convening, engaging, and equipping stakeholders.



myFutureNC has expanded the support across the state with the addition of four **Regional Managers** to help build capacity in local communities to achieve their educational attainment goal. More than 200 organizations have endorsed the myFutureNC goal, including all 58 community colleges and all 23 workforce development boards.

We believe a better educated **North Carolina** is the key to economic prosperity and upward mobility for all citizens.



We are now serving 86 counties in North Carolina.

200+

Organizations have endorsed the 2 million by 2030 attainment goal including:



all 58 North Carolina community colleges, and



all 23 workforce development boards.

BUILD CAPACITY

ALIGN & COORDINATE STATE-LEVEL EFFORTS AND CATALYZE LOCAL INITIATIVES

myFutureNC is dedicated to assisting and improving the capacity and transformational impact of communities by helping them to align state and local educational attainment goals and structures through data tools and resources, and by improving governance and supporting collaboration so that local economies flourish and the work of those communities are sustainable as a result.



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Local Educational Attainment Collaboratives

The ncIMPACT Initiative at the UNC School of Government and myFutureNC launched a two-year pilot program that supports the first cohort of 15 local educational attainment collaboratives serving in 38 counties across NC that seek to significantly increase the number of students successfully completing a postsecondary credential or degree.

49

FAFSA Network Districts

A network of 49 districts with the greatest opportunities for growth convened to share practices and expand information and skills resulting in 8 of 14 winning the statewide challenge for increased number of FAFSA completions, growth or innovation in each size category. In partnership with Carolina Demography, CFNC, College Advising Corps, NCSEAA, the Hunt Institute, and North Carolina Community Colleges.

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Adult Learner Initiative Colleges

In partnership with John M. Belk Endowment, NC Community Colleges, and the Belk Center, five community colleges were chosen for the adult learner initiative pilot, NC Reconnect, seeking to encourage North Carolina adults to return to complete a degree or gain new skills. Upon the success of the initial pilot colleges, five more community colleges were added to the pilot for next spring.

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Opportunity Youth Network

Recognizing North Carolina's declining labor market participation rate, myFutureNC, in partnership with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, convened a community of cross-sector practitioners to bring added focus to the need to bring back opportunity youth and adult learners into the education pipeline.

150

Education Advocacy and Diverse Leadership

Strengthen the bench of leadership capacity informed to develop, advocate and support statewide and community-specific strategies that increase postsecondary attainment. This includes Hunt Policy Fellows, ElevateNC Cohorts, LeadershipNC and the LatinxEd Fellowship.

60

Advisory Board Commissioners

The myFutureNC Advisory Board of Commissioners represent a cross-section of state-wide local leaders in education, business, government officials, and philanthropy. Thirty new members joined the board in the fall. Visit our website for the full list of [Advisory Board Commissioner members](#).



**Academic
Readiness**



**College &
Career Access**



**Postsecondary
Completion**



**Labor Market
Alignment**



College and Career Ready Graduates (CCRG)

Partnering with K-12 and community colleges on a college readiness initiative to ensure any needed remediation occurs in high school.

104

K-12 Districts
implemented
math and reading



FAFSA Initiatives

NC First in FAFSA aims to increase the number of students leveraging student aid through a statewide FAFSA Tracker, First in FAFSA Challenge and expanded connections to reach underrepresented populations.

61%

FAFSA state
completion rate
as of Sept 3, 2021



NC10

Partnering with CREED, Hunt Institute, and EdNC, to explore ways to increase enrollments and completions at North Carolina's 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions.



Read the
**NC10
Findings**
report



NC Workforce Credentials

Partnering with education and workforce leaders to define and incentivize high-quality, non-degree credentials recognized by employers that help workers in North Carolina obtain in-demand living wage jobs.

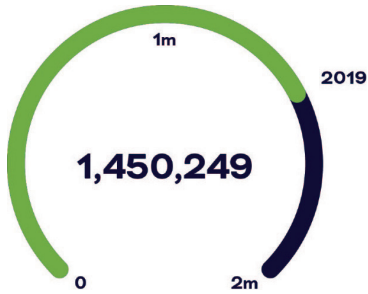
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Non-degree
credentials
identified



DEVELOP DATA AND TOOLS

AID IN DECISION MAKING & MEASURE PROGRESS



Measuring Our Progress

In 2019, North Carolina had an estimated 1,450,249 adults 25-44 with a high-quality degree or credential; this is 44,000 below where the state needed to be at this time, to be on target to the 2 million by 2030 goal.

State Dashboard

Developed in partnership with Carolina Demography, the myFutureNC State Attainment Dashboard shows North Carolina's progress towards the state's overall 2030 goal for postsecondary educational attainment, as well as 18 educational performance indicators.

County Attainment Profiles contain data unique to each of North Carolina's 100 counties, designed to empower and support educational attainment efforts at the local level.

County Explorer Tool allows users to filter by the key educational indicators we use to measure progress, and compare those numbers by county.

Local Attainment Goal-Setting Guide

Stakeholder input is critical not only for establishing and measuring local progress, but also to understanding the challenges associated with the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 on the local community.

NC FAFSA Tracker is a public-facing visual data dashboard that allows comparisons by schools and to view district and county-level data.

[Educational Attainment Report](#) • [Policy Briefs](#) • [Newsletters](#) • [Webinars](#)

EXPAND ADVOCACY

ADVANCE PRACTICES & POLICY

The new state budget invests more than \$400 million in programs that support greater postsecondary attainment in the areas of readiness, access and completion, as well as better labor market alignment. This significant investment will open more doors to more pathways for all students, and help focus learning and skill development that best prepares students for the jobs that are needed most.

Additionally, the state budget invests more than \$1 billion in broadband and other digital infrastructure that is vital to providing all learners with access to the best possible education and training, and the ability to stay well informed about career opportunities. We know the digital divide has never been more detrimental for those left on the other side, and these funds create bridges to more possibilities.

See a full breakdown [myFuture NC recommendations reflected in the 2021 state budget here](#).

\$400 MILLION
for postsecondary attainment programs



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