

FAFSA Completion Tools in North Carolina

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form that determines eligibility for federal and North Carolina state financial aid, and it is an important first step towards postsecondary success.

For everyone who has a stake in college access and success, FAFSA completion statistics are a leading indicator to monitor, to ensure that North Carolina meets its ambitious goal: by 2030, 2 million North Carolinians will have a postsecondary degree or credential.

FAFSA Tracker

<u>Why is it important?</u> myFutureNC, in partnership with Carolina Demography, created the North Carolina FAFSA Tracker to help education stakeholders monitor the number of seniors at our high schools who have completed the FAFSA.

Who is the tool designed for? School district leadership, community partners, education stakeholders, the general public

<u>What information is available?</u> The FAFSA Tracker displays publicly available data which you can filter in various ways to see FAFSA data completion statistics for a school, district, or county. Data in the Tracker is available for public (including charters) and private schools. No individual student data is visible.

<u>Where / how do you access? https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/tracker/</u> No login required.



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Finish the FAFSA

<u>Why is it important?</u> Education professionals who work directly with students can see FAFSA completion data per individual student, identify students who have started but not completed the FAFSA, alert students to errors, and encourage them to persevere.

<u>Who is the tool designed for?</u> Access is limited to school-based staff who work directly with seniors on FAFSA completion.

<u>What information is available?</u> Individual student information about FAFSA completion: Is the FAFSA completed or just submitted? Is the FAFSA signed by the parent and signed by the student? Are there errors? Is the student selected for verification? No income or other highly secure personal information is displayed.

<u>Where / How do you access?</u> *Finish the FAFSA* is a resource available on CFNC.org with other college access reports. <u>https://www.cfnc.org/education-professionals/professional-center-and-professional-tools/</u>

<u>Who oversees Finish the FAFSA</u>? The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) is the state agency that administers Finish the FAFSA as part of its mission to help North Carolina pay for education.

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