SNAPSHOT

Student Enrollment (2021-22)

- 19.1% of students are English Learners (2021-22)
- 40.8% of students eligible for free and reduced price meals (2021-22)
- 19.4 to 1 student to teacher ratio (2017-2018)

INDICATORS

California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance

- CAASPP Results (% Met/Exceeded Standard)
  - English Language Arts/Literacy: County 56.3%, State 51.1%
  - Mathematics: County 38.3%, State 39.7%

- Absenteeism of public school students were deemed chronically absent (2020-21): 14.3%
- Early Childhood Education: 68% of Sonoma County children enter kindergarten unprepared (2021-2022)

GRADUATES

The ethnicity gap of high school graduation rates between White and Hispanic or Latino students is 7% in 2020-21 with the gap between White and African American students increasing from 18% in 2019-20 to 23% in 2020-21.

- College-going rate for Sonoma County high school students (2017-18): 65.2%
- Sonoma County high school graduates attended Santa Rosa Junior College (2020-21): 36.8%
- 33.4% of high school graduates complete a-g requirements and are eligible to attend a UC/CSU institution (2020-21)
- 13.6% of graduates enrolled in California State Universities (CSU) (2017-18)
- 7.2% of graduates enrolled in University of California (UC) institutions (2017-18)
- 10.1% of students are cohort dropouts (2020-21)
**SKILLS GAP**

Sonoma County is expected to see a 1.6% increase in job growth between 2022 and 2027. To ensure a timely and efficient transition into the workplace, graduates should be equipped with the relevant skills and further efforts should be taken to strengthen the pipeline of local talent.

**Occupations with Greatest Projected Growth by employment from 2022-2027 (2-Digit SOC):**

- Healthcare and Support Occupations (11%)
- Construction and Extraction Services (4%)
- Building and Grounds Maintenance (5%)
- Transportation and Material Moving (3%)
- Healthcare Practitioners (4%)

**GOALS**

- Address the digital divide in the education sector by building infrastructure to give historically underserved communities access to high speed internet
- Continue to expand access to affordable education
- Continue to provide and share data on education trends in Sonoma County
- Continued encouragement of multilingual learning
- Enhance support systems for Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) and socioeconomically disadvantaged students
- Continue facilitating strong connections between Sonoma County employers and educators

**COLLEGE**

Sonoma State Bachelor’s Degrees Conferred (2013-2021)

2,341 Associate’s Degrees conferred at Santa Rosa Junior College (2020-21)

2,088 certificates awarded at SRJC in 2020-21 school year, a 6% decrease from the 2019-20 school year

Educational attainment for Associate’s, Bachelor’s, and Graduate/Professional degrees is higher in Sonoma County than the state and national levels (2021)

**Responses for Specific Skills Lacking in the Workforce**

(from 2021 Workforce Development Survey)

- Motivation skills: 40%
- Knowledge skills: 34%
- Analytical skills: 28%
- Customer Service skills: 26%
- Organizational skills: 26%
- Interpersonal skills: 26%
- Other/Misc. skills: 22%
- Basic Computer skills: 20%
- Physical skills: 18%
- Language skills: 18%

Of the 10 occupations employing the most people from 2022-2027:

- Median hourly earnings: $28.97
- Require a Bachelor’s Degree: 22%
- Require no work experience: 79%
- Female to Male Ratio: 40:60

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