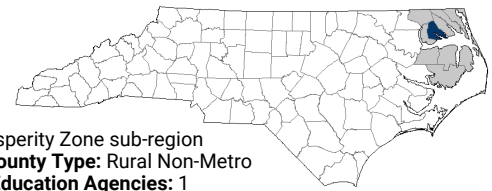


# Perquimans County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030  
2020 County Attainment Profile



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## INTRODUCTION

From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

## Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8

High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.



Perquimans County has 3 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, none were classified as low performing in 2019.

## Ready for College & Career

High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

## Postsecondary Access and Success

These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Perquimans County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.



Perquimans County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 321:1.

## Labor Market Outcomes

Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.



1.4% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 8.9% of peer counties.

## Opportunities for Growth

Compared to rural non-metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Perquimans County to improve future attainment outcomes.



### Transition to Postsecondary

44% of Perquimans County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural non-metro county average of 57%.



### NC Pre-K Enrollment

51% of Perquimans County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural non-metro county average of 64%.



### FAFSA Completion

43% of Perquimans County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

## COUNTY OVERVIEW

Perquimans County is in the **Elizabeth City** Prosperity Zone sub-region. It's one of 50 rural non-metro counties in NC.

Overall, 5% of 25-44-year-olds in Perquimans County have earned a master's degree or higher as their highest degree; 21% have a bachelor's degree; 9% have an associate degree; 26% have some college, no degree; 34% have a high school diploma; and 5% have less than a high school diploma.

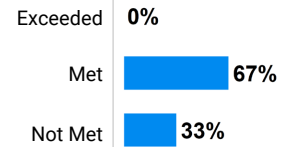
<b>2018 Population</b>	13,652
<b>2030 Population</b>	13,923
<b>K-12 Students (2019)</b>	
Traditional Schools	1,607
Charter/Private/Home	175
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$48,337
<b>Child Poverty Rate</b>	28%
<b>Households with Broadband</b>	69%

## How students in Perquimans County traditional public schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, Perquimans County needs:

- **17 more eligible 4-year-olds** enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 51%).
- **234 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 43%).
- **392 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 36%).

## Percent of Perquimans County schools by academic growth status, 2019



To meet state goals, Perquimans County needs:

- **7 more 9th graders** to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 89%).
- **36 more seniors** to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 43%).
- **148 more students** to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 20%).



**13 students** took at least one AP course (3%) versus 9% of peer counties.



**97 students** participated in Career & College Promise programs (22%) versus 22% of peer counties.

Students in Perquimans County completed **72 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Information Technology; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Among Perquimans County high school graduates:

- **44% of graduates** enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
- **67% of students** who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
- **50% of students** who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 49% of peer counties.

## In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:

**8** individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program.

**603** Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.

**4,933** Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region:

Public postsecondary institutions graduate **580 students per year**. After 5 years, 64% of 2013 graduates were employed in NC, earning an annual average wage of \$30,932.

60% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs. The top gaps are: **Health Science** (all levels); **Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** (below bachelor's); and **Finance** (bachelor's).

There are **67,624 job openings** projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of \$50,000 or more are: 1) **General and Operations Managers**; 2) **First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers**; 3) **Accountants and Auditors**.

Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region		
Institution Name	Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18	Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years
<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>7,009</b>	<b>52%</b>
College of the Albemarle	3,263	57%
Beaufort County Community College	1,994	41%
Elizabeth City State University	1,538	74%
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	214	35%

**Notes:**

Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at <http://go.unc.edu/countydata>

**Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Perquimans 1:1**

Perquimans County Schools implemented a 1:1 initiative with iPads for students in grades 3-12 to close the digital divide and prepare students to be competitive in the global economy.


We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you'd like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this [short survey](#).

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

[dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/)

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