

# Northampton County



Greenville  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Rural Non-Metro  
Local Education Agencies: 1  
Charter Schools: 1

**2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)**  
**2030 Proposed Northampton County Attainment Goal: 2,944 (56%)**

## Population Spotlight

2010 Census: 22,099  
2020 Census: 17,471  
Change: -4,628

## Growth Rate

**-20.9%** vs. **9.5%**  
County State

**\$41,630**  
Median Household Income (2020)

**33.2%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2020)

**61%**  
Households with Broadband (2020)

**72%**  
Home Owners (2020)

**71%**  
Voter Registration Rate (2021)

**6.2%**  
Unemployment Rate (2021)

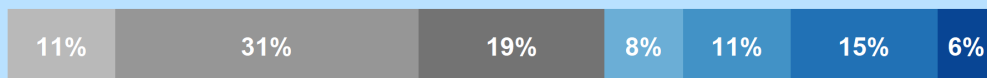
## Educational Attainment

Northampton County residents ages 25-44, 2021

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree

**No Degree**  
**61.0%**  
2,202

**Have Degree or Credential**  
**39.0%**  
1,410



Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

## Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Northampton County to improve future attainment outcomes.



### Chronic Absenteeism

64% of Northampton County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.



### FAFSA Completion

36% of Northampton County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

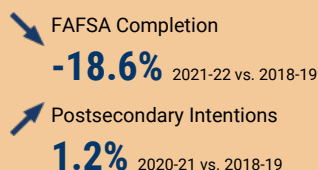
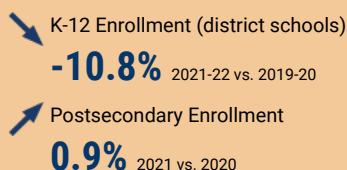


### Math Performance

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

## Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.



## Data Disruptions

- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism



[ncdemography.org](http://ncdemography.org)

## ACADEMIC READINESS

### How students in Northampton County traditional schools are currently doing:

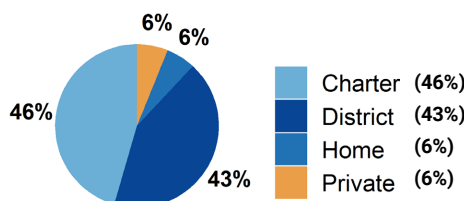
To meet state goals, each year Northampton County needs:

- Northampton County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: 75%). 2022
- 9% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**; 360 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 8% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**; 432 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 70% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**; 26 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 64% of students are **chronically absent from school**; 649 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Northampton County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 175:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

## School Choice

2,944 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Northampton 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).

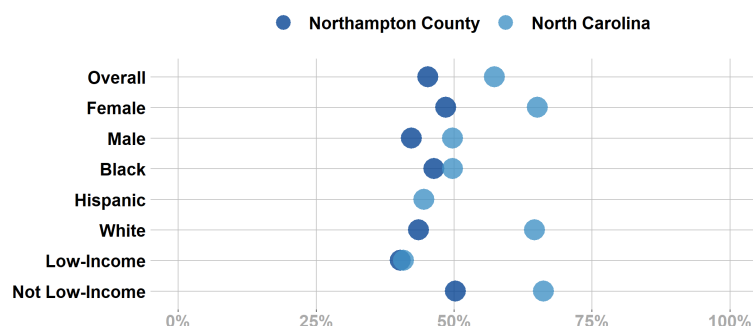
**37 graduates** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (45%)** versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Northampton County completed **68 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Information Technology; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Hospitality & Tourism.

## COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 36% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2022; 46 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022  
<https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/>
- 56% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 43% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021
- 67% of Northampton County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

## Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Northampton County, 2021



Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

## Success of Northampton County High School Graduates

### Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- **39%** of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
  - **21%** of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
  - **36%** of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
  - **<5%** of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
  - **92%** of college-goers attended an **in-state college**
- **62%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
  - **41%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

## Adult Learners

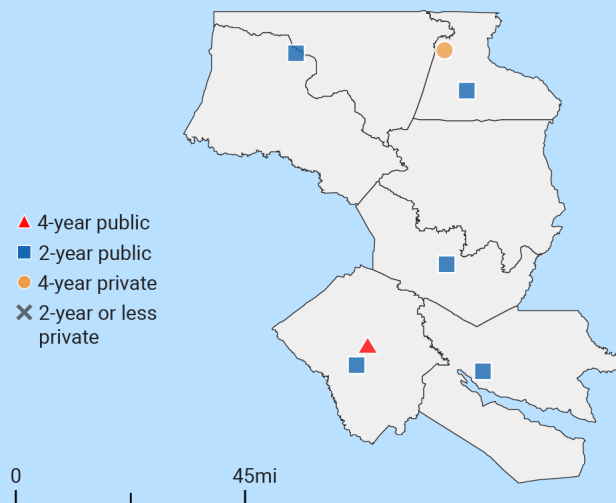
### Northampton County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 24** Basic Skills
- 243** Continuing Education
- 314** Curriculum



13% of Northampton County residents have **student loan debt**; 25% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2020

## Postsecondary assets in Greenville Prosperity Zone sub-region



### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2021

**1,760** certificate | **1,942** associate | **5,306** bachelor's

## In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

**86.0%**

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

### Top areas of misalignment:

- Health Science** (below bachelor's and bachelor's)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** (below bachelor's)
- Business Management & Administration** (bachelor's)

**402** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 7,374** graduates in 2020
- 71%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- \$46,194** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

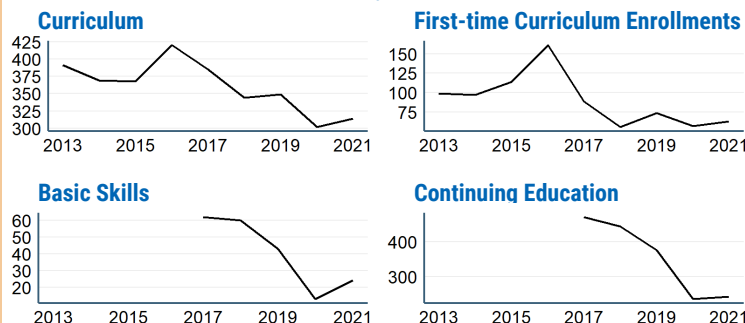
### In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 8,274** in Basic Services
- 4,021** in Career Services
- 408** in Education Services

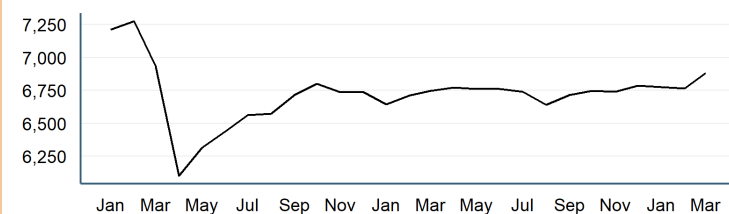


**26.4%** of young adults ages 16-24 in Northampton County were **not working and not in school** versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

## Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment



## Number of Northampton County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022



## 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.

Follow link to discover how Northampton County has been meeting local needs:

[https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt\\_search=Northampton](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Northampton)

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

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