

Currituck County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

Educational Attainment

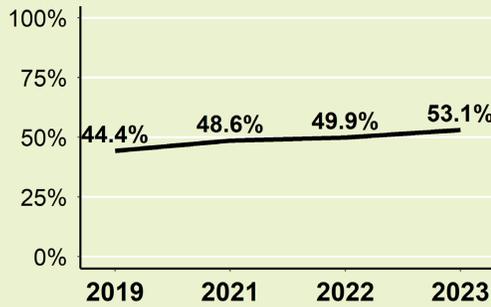
Currituck County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
3,946
53.1%

No Degree
3,491
46.9%

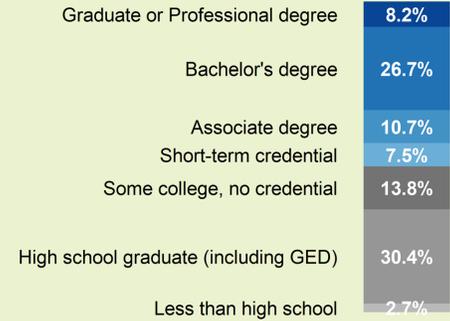
Residents Ages 25-44
7,437

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

2030 Proposed Currituck County Attainment Goal: 5,255 (Stretch Goal: 5,306)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 28,104
2023 Estimate: 31,593
Change: 3,489

Growth Rate

12.4% vs. 3.8%
County State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.2%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 1%
Black 5.1%
Hispanic 4.9%
Multiracial 3.3%
White 84.4%

\$86,047
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838

87.5%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%

79.2%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%

10.8%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%

12.9%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%

2.6%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

64% of Currituck County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the state goal of 66%.

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.4%

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

Top Misalignments

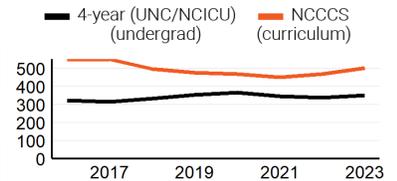
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Education & Training Jobs < Creds
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs > Creds
- Health Science Jobs > Creds

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	3.80%
Medical and Health Services Managers	2.77%
Logisticians	2.54%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Currituck County Residents



0 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

632 graduates in 2020
61.5% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

63.9% of adults (ages 25-44) in Currituck County earned a **family sustaining wage**. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

10.2% of youth (ages 16-24) in Currituck County were **Opportunity Youth**. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

89.1% of adults (ages 25-44) in Currituck County **participated in the labor force**. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

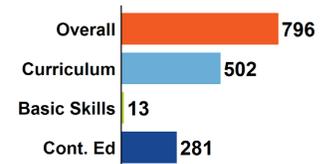
Top 3 Employers in Currituck County

Employer	Employment Range
Currituck County Board of Education	500-999
County of Currituck	500-999
H2obx LLC	250-499

Top 3 industries in Currituck County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Accommodation and Food Services	1,162 15.1%
Retail Trade	1,131 14.7%
Educational Services	951 12.4%

Currituck County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Currituck County is served by:

- Northeastern Workforce Development Board
- Albemarle Commission

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



First-Year Persistence

78% of Currituck County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education persist to their second year, below the rural - metro county average of 80%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

285 certificate | 367 associate | 397 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Currituck County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

- 5 Basic Skills
- 260 Continuing Education
- 71 Curriculum

13.8% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023



13.9% of Currituck County residents have student loan debt, 1.6% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Currituck County High School Graduates

77.9% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

87.3% UNC | 56.8% NCCCS | NA NCICU

57.4% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

27.1% UNC | 9.7% NCCCS | <5% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 723 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 89 of all college-goers attended East Carolina University
- 44 of all college-goers attended Elizabeth City State University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

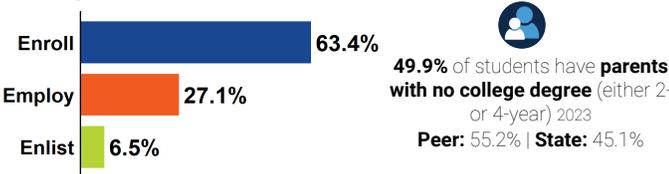


FAFSA Completion

38% of Currituck County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 52%.

38.5% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 115 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

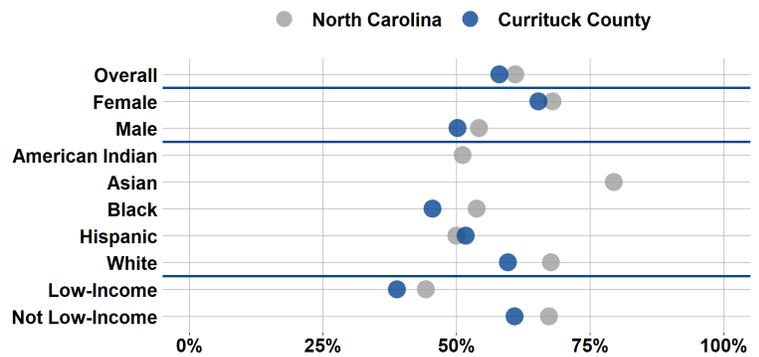
Post High School Graduation Intentions



90.4% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 15 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

56.3% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Currituck County, 2023



Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Earning College Credit in High School

6% of Currituck County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 9%. Also, 41% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 43%.

74.6% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 1 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2%

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Currituck County Traditional Public Schools students:

34.1% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 848 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

41.8% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 964 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

24.4% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 627 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

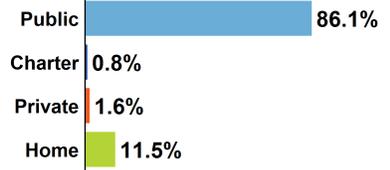
Currituck County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 374:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.8% of students drop out of high school (11 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 10
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 4
Home School(s): 380

5,215 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 749 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 207 concentrations. 171 (22.8%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

78 (6.1%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

126 (41.6%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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