

Perquimans County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



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

Educational Attainment

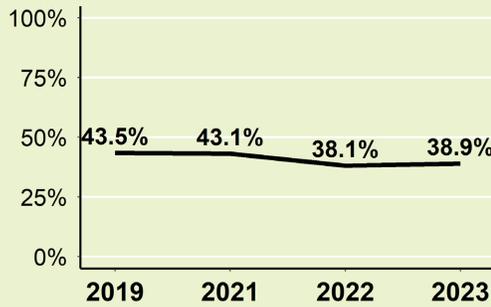
Perquimans County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
921
38.9%

No Degree
1,444
61.1%

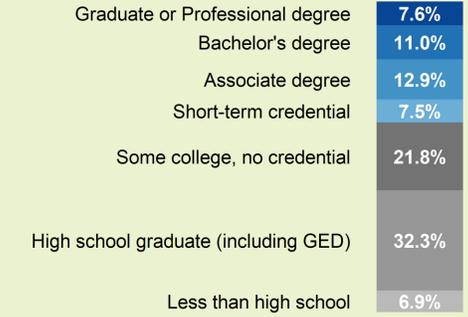
Residents Ages 25-44
2,365

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 Perquimans County Attainment Goal: 2,147 (Stretch Goal: 2,167)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

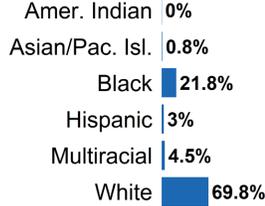
Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 13,008
2023 Estimate: 13,377
Change: 369

Growth Rate

2.8% County vs. 3.8% State

Race/Ethnicity



\$61,157
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



72.7%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



59.1%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



12.6%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



17.2%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



2.3%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

45% of Perquimans County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the state average of 58%.

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

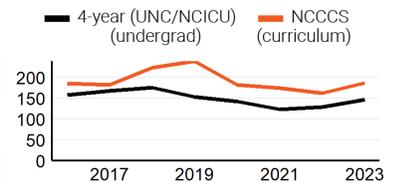
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- 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 Perquimans 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

44.9% of adults (ages 25-44) in Perquimans County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 40.5% | State: 57.6%, 2023

10.2% of youth (ages 16-24) in Perquimans County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 13.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

79.6% of adults (ages 25-44) in Perquimans County participated in the labor force. Peer: 78.3% | State: 84.2%, 2023

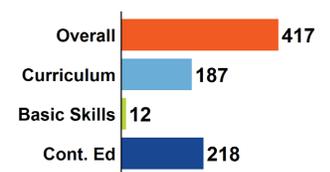
Top 3 Employers in Perquimans County

Employer	Employment Range
Perquimans County Schools	250-499
Perquimans County	100-249
Food Lion	50-99

Top 3 industries in Perquimans County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Public Administration	351 14.6%
Retail Trade	313 13.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	271 11.3%

Perquimans County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Perquimans County is served by:

- Northeastern Workforce Development Board
- Albemarle Commission

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

22% of Perquimans County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

285 certificate | 367 associate | 397 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

- 6 Basic Skills
- 184 Continuing Education
- 35 Curriculum

21.8% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.9% | State: 11.7%, 2023



8.7% of Perquimans County residents have student loan debt NA of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Perquimans County High School Graduates

78.1% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 79.6% | State: 83.8%, 2023

88.2% UNC | NA NCCCS | NA NCICU

60.3% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 55.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

39.7% UNC | 11.1% NCCCS | <5% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 366 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 38 of all college-goers attended East Carolina University
- 35 of all college-goers attended Elizabeth City State University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

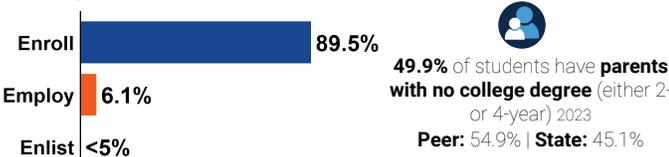


Postsecondary Enrollment

39% of Perquimans County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the rural - non-metro county average of 52%.

51.1% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 26 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 54.0% | State: 55.0%

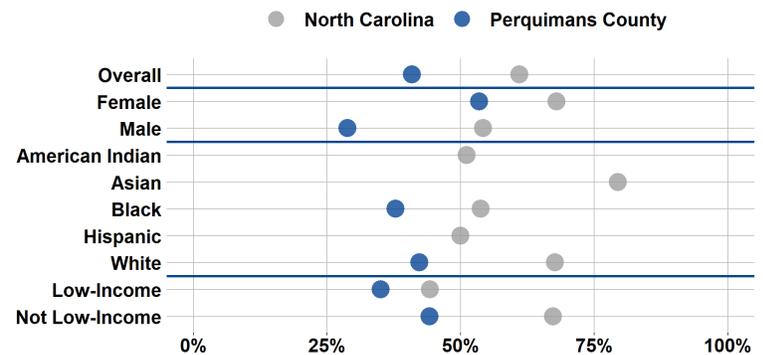
Post High School Graduation Intentions



81.7% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 15 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

39.1% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.6% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Perquimans 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

31% of Perquimans County graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs, below the rural - non-metro county average of 51%. Also, 5% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 10%.

74.0% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 1 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 71.0% | 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.

Perquimans County Traditional Public Schools students:

28.7% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 334 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 24.5% | State: 29.8%

38.4% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 359 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 30.3% | State: 36.5%

27.4% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 286 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.7% | State: 25.7%

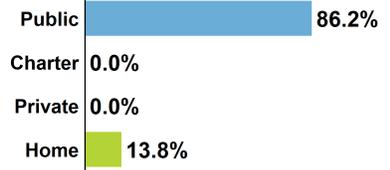
Perquimans County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 409:1 compared to 332:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.4% of students drop out of high school (2 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
 Traditional Public School(s): 4
 Charter School(s): 0
 Private School(s): 0
 Home School(s): 154

1,911 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 436 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 63 concentrations. 30 (6.9%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; and Architecture and Construction.

13 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

37 (38.9%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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