

Surry County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Winston-Salem
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro

Educational Attainment

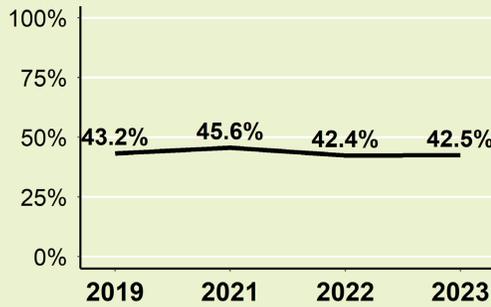
Surry County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
6,847
42.5%

No Degree
9,258
57.5%

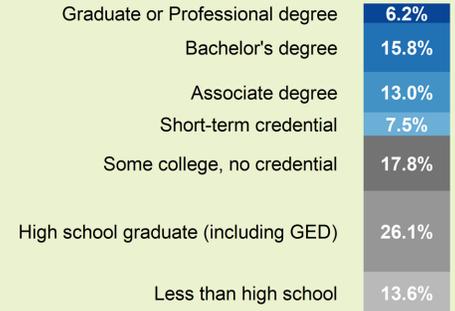
Residents Ages 25-44
16,105

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 Surry County Attainment Goal: 10,855 (Stretch Goal: 10,986)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 71,367
2023 Estimate: 71,462
Change: 95

Growth Rate

0.1% vs. **3.8%**
County State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.1%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0.7%
Black 3.5%
Hispanic 12.1%
Multiracial 1.8%
White 81.6%



\$58,211
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



73.3%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



70.1%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



19.7%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



18.3%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



5.9%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

41% of Surry County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the state average of 58%.

In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

80.0%

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

Top Misalignments

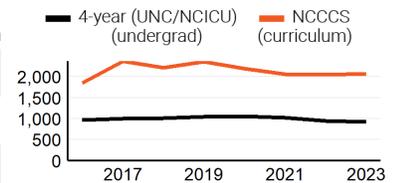
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

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

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4.11%
Data Scientists	3.64%
Logisticians	3.64%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Surry County Residents



1,846 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

4,918 graduates in 2020
77.7% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

41.3% of adults (ages 25-44) in Surry County earned a **family sustaining wage**. Peer: 40.5% | State: 57.6%, 2023

13.4% of youth (ages 16-24) in Surry County were **Opportunity Youth**. Peer: 13.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

82.9% of adults (ages 25-44) in Surry County **participated in the labor force**. Peer: 78.3% | State: 84.2%, 2023

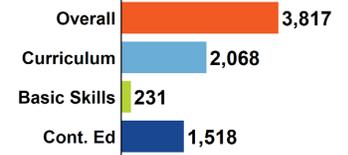
Top 3 Employers in Surry County

Employer	Employment Range
Northern Hospital of Surry County	1000+
Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Inc	500-999
County of Surry	500-999

Top 3 industries in Surry County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,305 15.1%
Retail Trade	4,170 14.6%
Manufacturing	4,047 14.2%

Surry County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Surry County is served by:

- **Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board**
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council**

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



First-Year Persistence

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

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

2,005 certificate | 2,120 associate | 2,629 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

120 Basic Skills
1,267 Continuing Education
360 Curriculum

17.8% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.9% | State: 11.7%, 2023



8.1% of Surry County residents have student loan debt, 0.6% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Surry County High School Graduates

77.6% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 79.6% | State: 83.8%, 2023

94.4% UNC | 67.8% NCCCS | 82.9% NCICU

57.7% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 55.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

31.5% UNC | 16.9% NCCCS | 6.4% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 3,162 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 311 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 205 of all college-goers attended Appalachian State University

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Top Opportunities for Growth

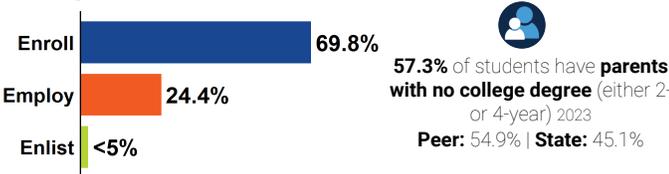


FAFSA Completion

49% of Surry County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - non-metro county average of 54%.

49.1% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 236 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 54.0% | State: 55.0%

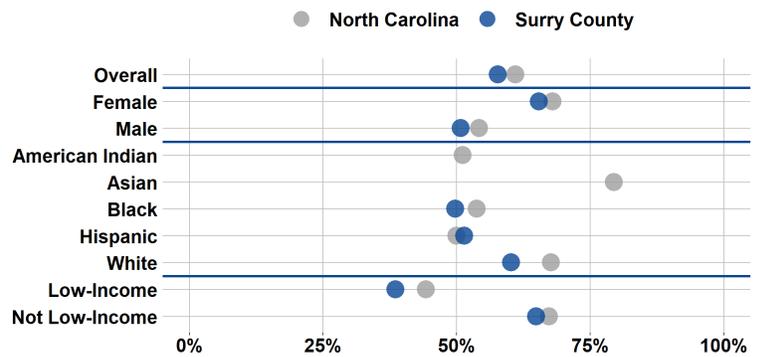
Post High School Graduation Intentions



89.0% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 52 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

56.0% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.6% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Surry County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



NC Pre-K Enrollment

66% of Surry County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 71%.

66.1% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 36 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.

Surry County Traditional Public Schools students:

30.2% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 1,892 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 24.5% | State: 29.8%

41.8% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 1,952 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 30.3% | State: 36.5%

19.2% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 859 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.7% | State: 25.7%

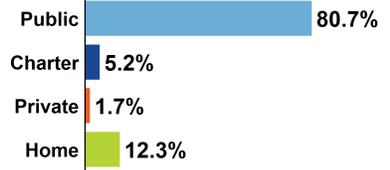
Surry County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 384:1 compared to 332:1 in peer counties. 2024

1.8% of students drop out of high school (65 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 3
Traditional Public School(s): 28
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 3
Home School(s): 1,001

12,415 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 5,386 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 783 concentrations. 1,042 (19.3%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

138 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

528 (66.0%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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Surry County Schools

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Total Schools: 20 Total Students: 7,108 (2024)

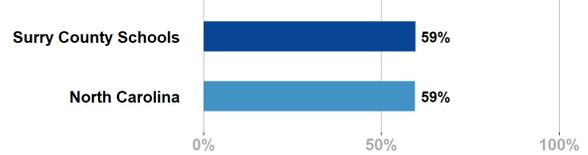
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- Surry CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Appalachian State University

75.3% of students who enroll **persist to their second year.**
2023

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2023



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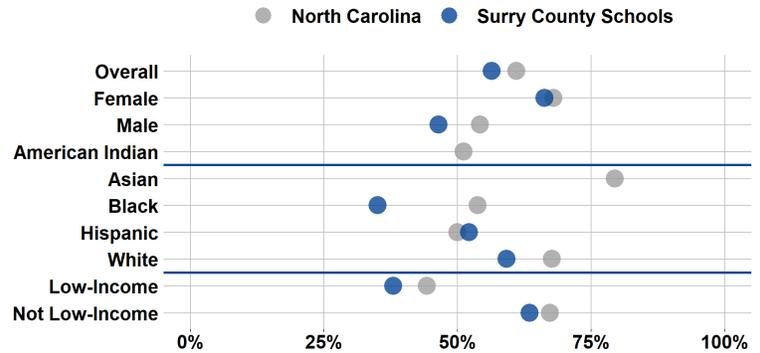
How students in Surry County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

44.9% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 183 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%.

68.0% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

54.7% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Surry County Schools, 2023



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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Surry County Schools are currently doing:

28.8% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 1,376 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

42.9% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 1,342 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

20.2% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 680 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.



Surry County Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 371:1. 2024

Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **4,690 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **566 concentrations**. **717 (15.3%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.



42 (<5%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**
State: 16.8% (2023).



363 (66.9%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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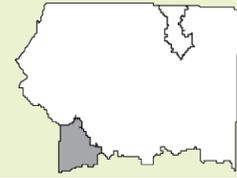
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Elkin City Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 4 Total Students: 1,222 (2024)

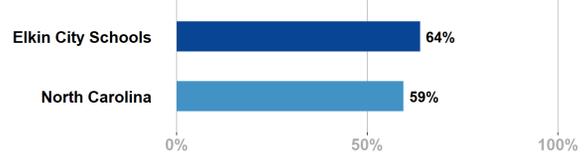
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- Surry CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Appalachian State University

76.1% of students who enroll **persist to their second year.**
2023

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2023



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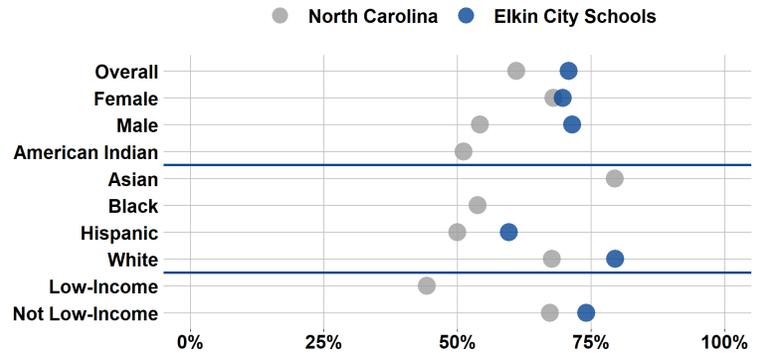
How students in Elkin City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

70.1% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 10 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%.

74.5% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

69.1% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Elkin City Schools, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Elkin City Schools are currently doing:

36.9% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 201 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.

36.8% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 273 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.

17.3% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 83 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%.



Elkin City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **309:1**. 2024

Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **252 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **114 concentrations**. **115 (45.6%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Business Management & Administration.



47 (11.4%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**
State: 16.8% (2023).



81 (78.6%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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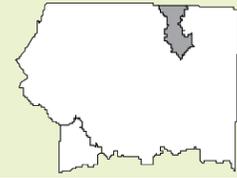
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Mount Airy City Schools

City/District School Profiles

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Total Schools: 4 Total Students: 1,694 (2024)

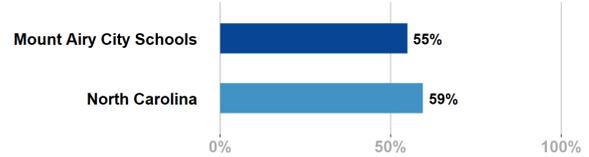
POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- Surry CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Appalachian State University

87.5% of students who enroll **persist to their second year.**
2023

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2023



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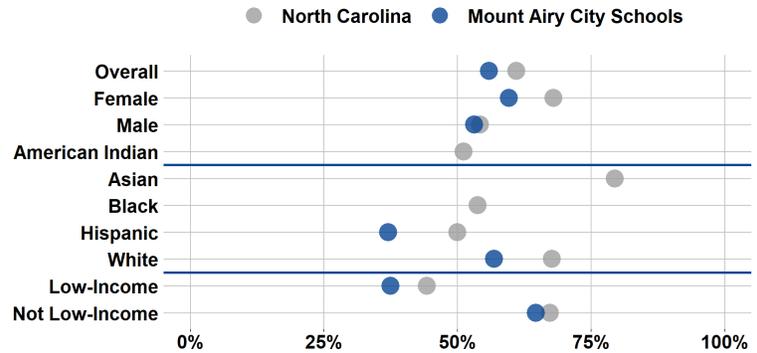
How students in Mount Airy City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

50.0% of high school class of 2024 **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 43 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**.

74.0% of high school graduates **intended to enroll in a postsecondary institution.** 2023

54.2% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Mount Airy City Schools, 2023



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ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Mount Airy City Schools are currently doing:

31.0% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 315 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**.

41.0% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 337 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**.

16.3% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 96 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11%**.



Mount Airy City Schools has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **563:1**. 2024

Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed **444 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** and **103 concentrations**. **210 (47.3%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Manufacturing; and Health Science.



49 (8.7%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam.**
State: 16.8% (2023).



84 (54.5%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs.** State: 36.0% (2024).

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