Bertie County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Bertie County Attainment Goal: 2,372 (47%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 21,282
2020 Census: 17,934
Change: -3,348

Growth Rate
-15.7% vs. 9.5%
County State

$41,889 31.7%

69%
Households with Broadband (2020)

75%
Home Owners (2020)

71% Voter Registration Rate (2021)

5.9% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Bertie County to improve future attainment outcomes.

Educational Attainment
Bertie County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree 68.7% 2,866
Have Degree or Credential 31.3% 1,308

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

FAFSA Completion
40% of Bertie County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

Postsecondary Completion
42% of Bertie County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

How students in Bertie County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Bertie County needs:

- Bertie County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%)
- 17% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 462 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 10% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 628 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 83% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 20 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 32% of students are chronically absent from school; 385 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Bertie County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 257:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 40% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 58 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022

- 42% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 38% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

62% of Bertie County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

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

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Bertie County, 2021

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

School Choice
2,378 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Bertie County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
90 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (67%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Bertie County completed 90 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Business Management & Administration.

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

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Success of Bertie County High School Graduates

**Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020**

- 41% of college-goers attended a **public 4-year college**
- 17% of college-goers attended a **private 4-year college**
- 42% of college-goers attended a **public 2-year college**
- 5% of college-goers attended a **private 2-year college**
- 95% of college-goers attended an **in-state college**

- 66% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 42% of students who enroll **earn a degree or credential** within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

Bertie County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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16% of Bertie County residents have **student loan debt**: 22% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

**86.0%** of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

**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:

8,737 in Basic Services

4,829 in Career Services

278 in Education Services

18.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Bertie County were **not working and not in school** versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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 Bertie County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Bertie

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/