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%

### 2020 Census Median Household Income
$41,889

### Child Poverty Rate
35.3%

### Households with Broadband
68%

### Home Owners
71%

### Voter Registration Rate
71%

### Unemployment Rate
5.9%

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

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### Educational Attainment
Bertie County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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<th>No Degree</th>
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<th>Less than high school</th>
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<td>17%</td>
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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

#### Math Performance
10% of Bertie County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

#### 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%.

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

- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**
  -2021-22 vs. 2019-20
  -11.8%

- **Postsecondary Enrollment**
  -2021 vs. 2020
  -21.4%

- **FAFSA Completion**
  -2021-22 vs. 2018-19
  -28.7%

- **Postsecondary Intentions**
  -2020-21 vs. 2018-19
  -42.3%

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

### 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% vs. 89%).
  2022

- 462 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 17%).
  2022

- 628 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 10%).
  2022

- 20 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 83%).
  2021

- 385 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 32%).
  2021

Bertie County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 257:1 versus 318.1 in peer counties.

### School Choice
2,378 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Bertie 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).

- 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.

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

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

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

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

- 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.

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### 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

- 91 Basic Skills
- 372 Continuing Education
- 493 Curriculum

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.

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:**

- 8,737 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/