## Camden County

### Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 9,980  
2020 Census: 10,355  
Change: 375

### 2030 Proposed Camden County Attainment Goal: 1,683 (55%)

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<th>Education Continuum</th>
<th>2020 Census: 10,355</th>
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<td>$72,135 Median Household Income (2020)</td>
<td>9.9% Child Poverty Rate (2020)</td>
<td>93% Households with Broadband (2020)</td>
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<td>81% Home Owners (2020)</td>
<td>78% Voter Registration Rate (2021)</td>
<td>3.9% Unemployment Rate (2021)</td>
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### Educational Attainment
Camden County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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<th>No Degree</th>
<th>Have Degree or Credential</th>
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<td>47.6%</td>
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<th>Less than high school</th>
<th>High school graduate (including GED)</th>
<th>Some college, no credential</th>
<th>Short-term credential</th>
<th>Associate degree</th>
<th>Bachelor’s degree</th>
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<td>6%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>8%</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 Camden County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- **School Counselors**: Camden County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 442:1, above the rural metro county average of 362:1.

- **FAFSA Completion**: 53% of Camden County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural metro county average of 54%.

- **First-Year Persistence**: 75% of Camden County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the state average of 77%.

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

- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**: 0.8% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- **Postsecondary Enrollment**: 5.8% 2021 vs. 2020
- **FAFSA Completion**: -1.6% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
- **Postsecondary Intentions**: -9.1% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

- **Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%)**
- **45% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5)**
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- **90% of 9th graders graduate within four years**
- **19% of students are chronically absent from school**

Camden County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 442:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

- **First-Year Persistence**: 72% of Camden County graduates entered 4-year postsecondary institutions versus 69% in peer counties. 2021

- **53% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 40 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%**

- **68% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021**

- **62% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021**

53% of Camden County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

### School Choice
2,088 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Camden County in the 2021-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

### Career and College Preparation
25 high school students took at least one AP course (+5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Camden County completed 89 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Hospitality & Tourism; and Health Science.

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

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

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Camden County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 44% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% 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
- 84% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 75% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Camden County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

| 10 Basic Skills |
| 114 Continuing Education |
| 306 Curriculum |

18% of Camden County residents have student loan debt; 14% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Health Science (bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

13 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 632 graduates in 2020
- 62% 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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,785 in Basic Services
- 2,643 in Career Services
- 293 in Education Services

12.8% of young adults ages 16-24 in Camden 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 Camden County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Camden

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/