Camden County

**2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal:** 2 million (67%)

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

### Population Spotlight

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<th>2010 Census: 9,980</th>
<th>2020 Census: 10,355</th>
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<td><strong>Change:</strong> 375</td>
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### Growth Rate

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### Median Household Income

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### Child Poverty Rate

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### Home Owners

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### Voter Registration Rate

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### Unemployment Rate

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### Educational Attainment

- **No Degree**: 57.6% (1,530)
- **Have Degree or Credential**: 42.4% (1,127)

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<th>Less than high school</th>
<th>High school graduate (including GED)</th>
<th>Some college, no credential</th>
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<td>11%</td>
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**Note:** Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding.

### Top Opportunities for Growth

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

### Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**: 0.8% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- **Postsecondary Enrollment**: 5.8% 2021 vs. 2020
- **FAFSA Completion**:
  - 53% of Camden County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural metro county average of 54%.
  - 53% of Camden County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

### Data Disruptions

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

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

- To meet state goals, each year Camden County needs:
  - Camden County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 174%). 2022
  - 239 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 75% vs. 45%). 2022
  - 352 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 45%). 2022
  - 8 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 90%). 2021
  - 148 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 19%). 2021
  - Camden County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 442:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties.
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### School Choice

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

### Career and College Preparation

- 25 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

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

- 69 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (53%) versus 43% in peer counties (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

- Basic Skills: 10
- Continuing Education: 114
- Curriculum: 306

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)

Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020: 13

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
- Graduates in 2020: 632
- 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:
- Basic Services: 3,785
- Career Services: 2,643
- Education Services: 293

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/