Camden County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Camden County Attainment Goal: 1,683 (Stretch Goal: 1,707)
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

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2022 Estimate: 11,088
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Educational Attainment
Camden County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
1,137 44.5%

Have Degree or Credential
1,419 55.5%

5% Less than high school
21% High school graduate (including GED)
18% Some college, no credential
8% Short-term credential
18% Associate degree
9% Bachelor’s degree
21% Graduate or professional degree

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

FAFSA Completion
50% of Camden County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 58%.

School Counselors
Camden County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 469:1, above the rural - metro county average of 362:1.

Earning College Credit in High School
<5% of Camden County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 8%. Also, 42% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 43%.

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

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.2%
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 below 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)

52% of adults (ages 25-44) in Camden County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Camden County is served by:
Northeastern Workforce Development Board
Albemarle Commission
Adult Learners
Camden County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 9 Basic Skills
- 299 Continuing Education
- 289 Curriculum

15% of Camden County residents have student loan debt. 7% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Camden County High School Graduates
- 86% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 66% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 56% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 379 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 23 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC
- 10 of all college-goers attended Elizabeth City State University

- 50% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 38 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 70% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022

52% of Camden County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

How students in Camden County traditional schools are doing:
- Camden County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 41% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 385 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 48% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 324 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 92% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 5 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 17% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 117 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Camden County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 469:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2023
- 1% of students drop out of high school (7 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

School Choice
2,074 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Camden County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Camden County completed 1,189 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (186 (16%) were industry-valued credentials) and 155 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Hospitality & Tourism.

18 high school students took at least one AP test (<5%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
59 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (42%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).