Carteret County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Carteret County Attainment Goal: 11,750 (68%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 66,469
2020 Census: 67,686
Change: 1,217

Growth Rate
1.8% vs. 9.5% State

Educational Attainment
Carteret County residents ages 25-44, 2020
No Degree 49.3% 7,161
Have Degree or Credential 50.7% 7,354

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

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

Chronic Absenteeism
38% of Carteret County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

Adult Learners
20% of Carteret County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural non-metro county average of 17%.

High School Graduation
85% of Carteret County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural non-metro county average of 86%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-2.9% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
-4.0% 2021 vs. 2020

Postsecondary Enrollment
FAFSA Completion
-3.2% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
-6.1% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

How students in Carteret County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Carteret County needs:
• Carteret County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 109%). 2022
• 1,256 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 39%). 2022
• 1,483 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 45%). 2022
• 66 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 85%). 2021
• 2,103 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 38%). 2021
Carteret County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 276:1 versus 318.1 in peer counties. 2021

47% of Carteret County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

School Choice
10,196 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Carteret County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
258 high school students took at least one AP course (10%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).
231 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (43%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).
Students in Carteret County completed 286 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Hospitality & Tourism; Health Science; and Human Services.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Carteret County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Carteret County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Carteret County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 40% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 11% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 49% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 90% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 78% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 67% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Carteret County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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12% of Carteret County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

54.7% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (all levels)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor's)
- Finance (bachelor's)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 201 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020
- 1,967 graduates in 2020
- 56% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $36,955 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 1,631 degree credentials awarded
- 1,408 certificate
- 29 bachelor's

Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment

- Curriculum
  - First-time Curriculum Enrollments (2013-2021)
  - Number of Carteret County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022

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 Carteret County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Carteret

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