### Educational Attainment

Craven County residents ages 25-44, 2022

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<th>Craven County (%)</th>
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<td>No Degree</td>
<td>13,087 (54.1%)</td>
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<td>11,117 (45.9%)</td>
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Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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

### Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Craven County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- **NC Pre-K Enrollment**: 35% of Craven County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - metro county average of 59.
- **High School Graduation**: 81% of Craven County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - metro county average of 85.
- **FAFSA Completion**: 54% of Craven County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 58.

### UNC System College Enrollment

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### NC Community College Enrollment

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### Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

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<td>Information Security Analysts</td>
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<td>Nurse Practitioners</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Web and Digital Interface Designers</td>
<td>3%</td>
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### Top 3 Employers in Craven County

- **Employer**: Defense Ex Army Navy & Air Force
  - Employment Range: 1000+
- **Employer**: Carolinaeast Medical Center
  - Employment Range: 1000+
- **Employer**: Craven County Board of Education
  - Employment Range: 1000+

### Labor Market Alignment

In Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region: 54.5% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

201 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020.

**UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**

- **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)

**47%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Craven County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022.

Craven County is served by:

- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board
- Eastern Carolina Council of Governments
Craven County 2024 Attainment Profile

Updated: Apr 10 2024

**Basic Skills**
- 303 Basic Skills
- 3,829 Continuing Education
- 2,866 Curriculum

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**Continuing Education**
- 2022

**Curriculum**
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**Success of Craven County High School Graduates**
- 81% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% 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**
- 3,752 of all college-goers attended Craven CC
- 319 of all college-goers attended Carteret CC
- 203 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

**Adult Learners**
- Craven County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
  - 303 Basic Skills
  - 3,829 Continuing Education
  - 2,866 Curriculum

**Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022**
- 1,614 certificate
- 1,560 associate
- 23 bachelor’s

**Postsecondary assets in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone sub-region**
- Public, 4-year or above
  - Carteret Community College, Coastal Carolina Community College, Craven Community College, Pamlico Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  - Private 4-year or above

**How students in Craven County traditional schools are doing:**
- 35% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 280 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 2023
- 30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 3,124 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.
- 2023
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 3,052 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.
- 2023
- 81% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 141 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
- 2023
- 25% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 1,826 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.

Craven County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 313:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties.

- 1% of students drop out of high school (30 total students), compared to 2% statewide.

**School Choice**
- 15,770 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Craven County in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

**Access to Postsecondary Credits**
- Students in Craven County completed 2,395 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (611 (26%) were industry-valued credentials) and 589 concentrations in 2023.
- The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Manufacturing; and Health Science.

197 high school students took at least one AP test (5%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).

388 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (48%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

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