Craven County

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 103,505
2020 Census: 100,720
Change: -2,785

Educational Attainment
Craven County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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

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

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

- 224 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 43%), 2022
- 2,511 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 29%), 2022
- 3,201 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 29%), 2022
- 103 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 85%). 2021
- 2,453 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 31%). 2021

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School Choice
15,657 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Craven County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
279 high school students took at least one AP course (7%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021). 2021

Students in Craven County completed 478 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Manufacturing; Health Science; and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Craven County, 2021

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

**Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020**

- 36% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 11% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 52% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 91% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 81% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 59% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

### Adult Learners

**Craven County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021**

- 271 Basic Skills
- 1,758 Continuing Education
- 2,970 Curriculum

- 14% of Craven 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.

- **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)

### In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 11,622 in Basic Services
- 5,489 in Career Services
- 674 in Education Services

- 11.9% of young adults ages 16-24 in Craven 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 Craven County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Craven

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/