Currituck County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Currituck County Attainment Goal: 5,255 (64%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 23,547
2020 Census: 28,100
Change: 4,553

Growth Rate
19.3% vs. 9.5%
County State

Median Household Income (2020)
$73,433
9.7%
Child Poverty Rate (2020)
88%
Households with Broadband (2020)
84%
Home Owners (2020)
81%
Voter Registration Rate (2021)
4.1%
Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Currituck County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree
50.2% 3,392
Have Degree or Credential
49.8% 3,359

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

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
46% of Currituck County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural metro county average of 59%.

Adult Learners
22% of Currituck County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural metro county average of 17%.

High School Graduation
84% of Currituck County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural metro county average of 87%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
4.5% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment
-5.1% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
27.1% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
Postsecondary Intentions
2.6% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

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

• 29 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 46%), 2022
• 879 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 29%), 2022
• 1,008 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 36%), 2022
• 36 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 84%). 2021
• 439 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 22%). 2021

Currituck County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 374:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

• 60% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (47 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
• 66% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
• 51% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021

52% of Currituck County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

Charter (1%)
District (86%)
Home (11%)
Private (1%)

Career and College Preparation
98 high school students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Currituck County completed 152 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed included Human Services; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Currituck County, 2021

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

Success of Currituck County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 48% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 10% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 38% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 75% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% 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

Currituck County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 17 Basic Skills
- 243 Continuing Education
- 451 Curriculum

12% of Currituck County residents have student loan debt; 8% 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)

- 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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,785 in Basic Services
- 2,643 in Career Services
- 293 in Education Services

12.4% of young adults ages 16-24 in Currituck County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment

First-time Curriculum Enrollments


Basic Skills


Continuing Education


Number of Currituck County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022

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

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

Follow link to discover how Currituck County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Currituck

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.

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