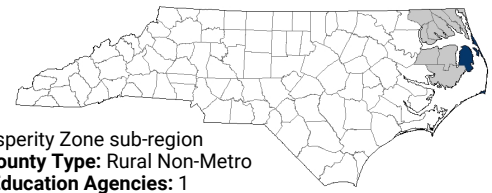


Dare County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile



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INTRODUCTION

From birth to career, there are many opportunities to develop strategies and interventions to increase attainment and improve workforce alignment. Below are some key areas and indicators that highlight where interventions may be possible to improve overall educational attainment outcomes.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8

High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.



Dare County has 10 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, none were classified as low performing in 2019.

Ready for College & Career

High school completion is a crucial step on the pathway to postsecondary success or the beginnings of a career. Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Access and Success

These metrics capture student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion. They indicate relative strengths and weaknesses of Dare County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.



Dare County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 319:1.

Labor Market Outcomes

Lack of technical skills and lack of education are among the primary reasons why NC employers struggle to fill vacancies. These metrics capture labor market outcomes among recent graduates, the alignment between postsecondary degree production and labor market demand, and future job demands.



2.4% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 8.9% of peer counties.

Opportunities for Growth

Compared to rural non-metro counties and the state, these three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Dare County to improve future attainment outcomes.



CCP Enrollment

14% of Dare County high school students participated in the Career & College Promise program programs, below the rural non-metro county average of 22%.



Adult Learners

29% of Dare County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural non-metro county average of 25%.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

60% of Dare County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural non-metro county average of 64%.

COUNTY OVERVIEW

Dare County is in the **Elizabeth City** Prosperity Zone sub-region. It's one of 50 rural non-metro counties in NC.

Overall, 9% of 25-44-year-olds in Dare County have earned a master's degree or higher as their highest degree; 19% have a bachelor's degree; 11% have an associate degree; 29% have some college, no degree; 23% have a high school diploma; and 9% have less than a high school diploma.

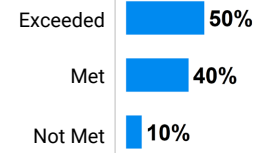
2018 Population	36,997
2030 Population	39,333
K-12 Students (2019)	
Traditional Schools	5,108
Charter/Private/Home	565
Median Household Income	\$64,768
Child Poverty Rate	14%
Households with Broadband	87%

How students in Dare County traditional public schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, Dare County needs:

- **30 more eligible 4-year-olds** enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 60%).
- **448 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 55%).
- **953 more 3-8 graders** earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 47%).

Percent of Dare County schools by academic growth status, 2019



To meet state goals, Dare County needs:

- **18 more 9th graders** to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 91%).
- **21 more seniors** to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 74%).
- **456 more students** to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 20%).



348 students took at least one AP course (22%) versus 9% of peer counties.



217 students participated in Career & College Promise programs (14%) versus 22% of peer counties.

Students in Dare County completed **90 Career & Technical Education concentrations** in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and Health Science.

Among Dare County high school graduates:

- **63% of graduates** enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
- **80% of students** who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
- **54% of students** who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 49% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:

8 individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program.

603 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.

4,933 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region:

Public postsecondary institutions graduate **580 students per year**. After 5 years, 64% of 2013 graduates were employed in NC, earning an annual average wage of \$30,932.

60% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs. The top gaps are: **Health Science** (all levels); **Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** (below bachelor's); and **Finance** (bachelor's).

There are **67,624 job openings** projected between 2017-2026. The top 3 in demand jobs with median wages of \$50,000 or more are: 1) **General and Operations Managers**; 2) **First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers**; 3) **Accountants and Auditors**.

Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region

Institution Name	Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18	Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years
Total Enrollments	5,015	63%
College of the Albemarle	3,263	57%
Elizabeth City State University	1,538	74%
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	214	35%

Notes:

Enrollments reflect degree- or credential-seeking undergraduate enrollments. The graduate or transfer rate is drawn from IPEDS and represents the share of students who either graduate with a degree or credential from the institution or transfer to another institution within 8 years. The 8-year outcome is the only measure that includes information on transfer out. Detailed data guidance is provided at <http://go.unc.edu/countydata>

Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Dare Education Foundation Teacher Housing Project

Dare County, located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, is a popular tourist location and the home of several national historic attractions. Living costs within the county are extremely high compared to many neighboring counties, and new teachers struggle to find affordable housing. To attract new teachers to the area, the Dare Education Foundation's Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the terms of a \$2.25 million interest-free loan from the State Employees Credit Union Foundation to build 24 affordable apartment units for teachers.

We identified this example of an emerging cross-sector promising practice in partnership with local leaders. If you have additional examples you'd like to share with myFutureNC, please respond to this [short survey](#).

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

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

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