

Dare County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 0 (2023)

2030 Proposed Dare County Attainment Goal: 5,359 (Stretch Goal: 5,429)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 36,910
2022 Estimate: 37,956
Change: 1,046

Growth Rate

2.8% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$82,052
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



78%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



8.9%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



15.1%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%



84%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



4.3%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

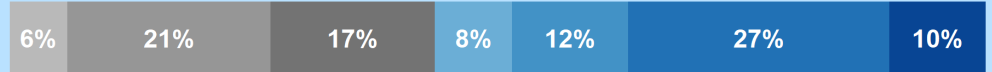
Educational Attainment

Dare County residents ages 25-44, 2022

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree

No Degree
3,375
43.8%

Have Degree or Credential
4,330
56.2%



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Adult Learners

17% of Dare County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.



Opportunity Youth

15% of Dare County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the state average of 12%.



First-Year Persistence

82% of Dare County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the state average of 83%.

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 Dare County has been meeting local needs:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.2%

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 below 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)



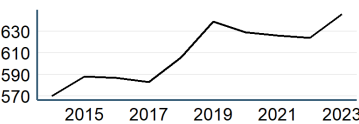
46% of adults (ages 25-44) in Dare County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Dare County is served by:

Northeastern Workforce Development Board
Albemarle Commission

UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

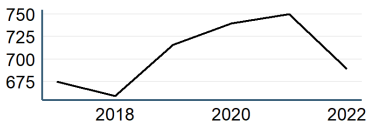
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Medical and Health Services Managers	3%
Logisticians	2%

Top 3 Employers in Dare County

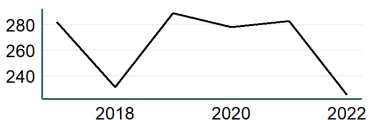
Employer	Employment Range
Dare County Schools	500-999
County Of Dare	500-999
Vidant Medical Center	250-499

NC Community College Enrollment

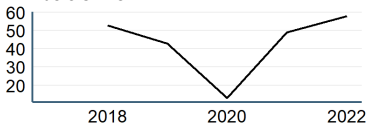
Curriculum



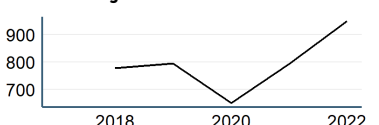
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Dare County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

58	Basic Skills
949	Continuing Education
689	Curriculum



9% of Dare County residents have **student loan debt**; 3% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Dare County High School Graduates

- **82%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **78%** in peer counties. 2022
- **63%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **55%** in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- **1,022** of all college-goers attended **College of The Albemarle**
- **41** of all college-goers attended **Pitt CC**
- **38** of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**

• **75%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 18 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023

• **75%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **68%** in peer counties. 2022

• **59%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **52%** in peer counties. 2022



46% of Dare County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus **57%** in peer counties.

How students in Dare County traditional schools are doing:

- Dare County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: **75%**). 2023
- **36%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 1,123 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **41%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 1,029 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **93%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 11 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **28%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **32%** statewide; 920 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022



Dare County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of **310:1** versus **325:1** in peer counties. 2022



1% of students **drop out of high school** (22 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2022

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

274 certificate | 349 associate | 331 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above
Elizabeth City State University

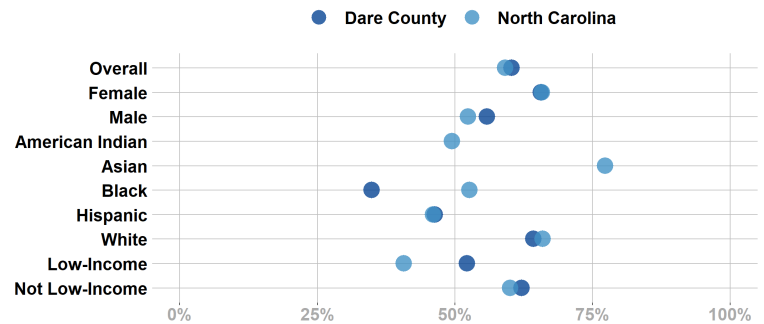
Public, 2-year
College of the Albemarle

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Mid-Atlantic Christian University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Dare County, 2022

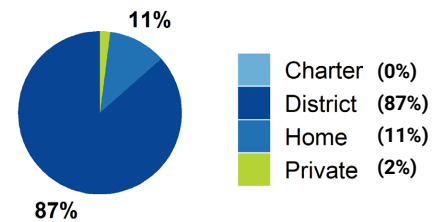


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

5,766 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Dare County in the 2022-23 school year.

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



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Dare County completed **2,064 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials** (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and **158 concentrations** in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.



312 high school students took at least one **AP course** (**18%**) versus **7%** in peer counties (2022).



314 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (**41%**) versus **39%** in peer counties (2022).

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

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