Halifax County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Halifax County Attainment Goal: 4,692 (42%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 54,691
2020 Census: 48,622
Change: -6,069

Halifax County Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
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Economic Spotlight
2010 Median Household Income: $41,098
2020 Child Poverty Rate: 36.9%
2020 Home Owners: 62%
2021 Voter Registration Rate: 78%
2022 Unemployment Rate: 7.5%

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

Earning College Credit in High School
31% of Halifax County graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the rural non-metro county average of 49%. Also, <5% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 7%.

Chronic Absenteeism
42% of Halifax County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

Math Performance
13% of Halifax County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-6.5% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-18.0% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-23.8% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-13.7% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

Educational Attainment
Halifax County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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

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

- 66 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 59%). 2022
- 1,447 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 14%). 2022
- 1,786 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 13%). 2022
- 66 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 81%). 2021
- 1,619 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 42%). 2021

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| Charter (13%) | District (75%) | Home (5%) | Private (7%) |

School Choice
7,156 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Halifax County in the 2021-22 school year.
Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

Career and College Preparation
76 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021). Students in Halifax County completed 243 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Halifax County, 2021

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- 45% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (130 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 60% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 44% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

66% of Halifax County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.
**Success of Halifax County High School Graduates**

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 42% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 18% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 40% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 72% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 49% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

Halifax County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 58 Basic Skills
- 835 Continuing Education
- 1,038 Curriculum

16% of Halifax County residents have student loan debt; 18% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

**In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:**

86.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

402 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

**UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**

- 7,374 graduates in 2020
- 71% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $46,194 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

**In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:**

- 8,274 in Basic Services
- 4,021 in Career Services
- 408 in Education Services

25.4% of young adults ages 16-24 in Halifax 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 Halifax County has been meeting local needs:

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

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

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