Halifax County

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Change: -6,069

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

Educational Attainment
Halifax County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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

- How students in Halifax County traditional schools are currently doing:
  - 59% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 66 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
  - 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 1,447 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
  - 13% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 1,786 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
  - 81% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 66 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
  - 42% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,619 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Halifax County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 275:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 45% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 130 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
  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.

School Choice
7,156 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Halifax County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
128 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (31%) versus 49% 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

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

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 persisted to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 49% of students who enroll earned 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/