Hertford County

NC goal: 2 million by 2030
2020 County Attainment Profile

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.

COUNTY OVERVIEW
Hertford County is in the Greenville Prosperity Zone sub-region. It’s one of 50 rural non-metro counties in NC. Overall, 4% of 25-44-year-olds in Hertford County have earned a master’s degree or higher as their highest degree; 12% have a bachelor’s degree; 10% have an associate degree; 27% have some college, no degree; 36% have a high school diploma; and 12% have less than a high school diploma.

How students in Hertford County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Hertford County needs:
• Hertford County has met the goal for eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 103%).
• 611 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 25%).
• 878 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 17%).

To meet state goals, Hertford County needs:
• 35 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 79%).
• 18 more seniors to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 60%).
• 474 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 28%).

Students in Hertford County completed 164 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Information Technology; and Hospitality & Tourism.

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.
Hertford County has 7 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 3 or 43% 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 Hertford County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.
Hertford County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 268:1.

Among Hertford County high school graduates:
• 67% of graduates enroll in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 57% of peer counties.
• 69% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% of peer counties.
• 43% of students who earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 49% of peer counties.

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.
7.8% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 8.9% of peer counties.

In your Prosperity Zone sub-region, 2018-19:
347 individuals served in an Apprenticeship program.
2,779 Basic Skills enrollments at NC community colleges.
19,098 Continuing Education enrollments at NC community colleges.

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

Low-Performing Schools
43% of Hertford County schools are low-performing, above the rural non-metro county average of 19%.

Math Performance
17% of Hertford County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 36%.

Reading Performance
25% of Hertford County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 41%.

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### Largest postsecondary institutions in your Prosperity Zone sub-region

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<tr>
<td>Total Enrollments</td>
<td>44,903</td>
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<td>East Carolina University</td>
<td>25,427</td>
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<td>Pitt Community College</td>
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<td>Beaufort County Community College</td>
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<td>Halifax Community College</td>
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**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

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### Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Roanoke Connect

Roanoke Connect is rapidly expanding Smart Grid and broadband services in their Service Territory in Northeastern North Carolina (Bertie, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton) to better serve its Member-Owners. The organization has its origins in Roanoke Electric Cooperative's focus on economic opportunity for its Member-Owners.

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.

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