Northampton County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Northampton County Attainment Goal: 2,944 (56%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 22,099
2020 Census: 17,471
Change: -4,628

Growth Rate
-20.9% vs. 9.5%

County
State

- $41,630 Median Household Income (2020)
33.2% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
61% Households with Broadband (2020)
72% Home Owners (2020)
71% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
6.2% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Northampton County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree 61.0% 2,202
Have Degree or Credential 39.0% 1,410

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

Chronic Absenteeism
64% of Northampton County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

FAFSA Completion
36% of Northampton County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

Math Performance
8% of Northampton 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) -10.8% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment 0.9% 2021 vs. 2020
FAFSA Completion -18.6% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
Postsecondary Intentions 1.2% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

How students in Northampton County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Northampton County needs:
• Northampton County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2022
• 9% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 360 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
• 8% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 432 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
• 70% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 26 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
• 64% of students are chronically absent from school; 649 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Northampton County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 175:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

• 36% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 46 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
https://www.mylifeafterhighschool.com/first/year-in-fafsa/
• 56% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
• 43% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

67% of Northampton County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

School Choice
2,944 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Northampton County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
37 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (45%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Northampton County completed 68 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Information Technology; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Hospitality & Tourism.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Northampton County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Northampton County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 39% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 21% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 36% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 92% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 62% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 41% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Northampton County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 24 Basic Skills
- 243 Continuing Education
- 314 Curriculum

13% of Northampton County residents have student loan debt; 25% 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.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (below bachelor’s and bachelor’s)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

- 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

26.4% of young adults ages 16-24 in Northampton 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 Northampton County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Northampton

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/