Northampton 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
Northampton County is in the Greenville Prosperity Zone sub-region. It's one of 50 rural non-metro counties in NC. Overall, 5% of 25-44-year-olds in Northampton County have earned a master's degree or higher as their highest degree; 10% have a bachelor's degree; 13% have an associate degree; 19% have some college, no degree; 38% have a high school diploma; and 15% have less than a high school diploma.

2018 Population 20,618
2030 Population 18,379
K-12 Students (2019) 1,517
Traditional Schools 1,537
Charter/Private/Home Median Household Income $37,233
Child Poverty Rate 34%
Households with Broadband 51%

Building the Foundation: Pre-K to 8
High-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.

Northampton County has 7 public schools with performance grades. Of these schools, 5 or 71% 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.

How students in Northampton County traditional public schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, Northampton County needs:
- 26 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 72%).
- 11 more seniors to complete the FAFSA (goal: 80% vs. 53%).
- 317 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteism vs. 31%).

Students in Northampton County completed 57 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2019. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Hospitality & Tourism; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Manufacturing.

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 Northampton County at each stage of the postsecondary pipeline.

Northampton County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 253:1.

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.

4.4% of teens ages 16-19 are not working and not in school versus 8.9% of peer counties.

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

Low-Performing Schools
71% of Northampton County schools are low-performing, above the rural non-metro county average of 19%.

Reading Performance
19% of Northampton County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 41%.

Math Performance
15% of Northampton County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 36%.

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

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<th>Institution Name</th>
<th>Undergraduate Enrollments 2017-18</th>
<th>Graduate or Transfer in 8 Years</th>
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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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**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](http://go.unc.edu/countydata)

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**Local Cross-Sector Promising Practice: Partnership Teach**

Partnership Teach (formerly Partnership East) is a collaboration between the ECU College of Education and North Carolina Community Colleges. The partnership grows teachers dedicated to their local communities and provides community college transfer students the opportunity to complete bachelor’s degrees through affordable, high-quality, online course delivery. Students are placed in local school districts to practice principles covered in online courses and for internships. Coordinators are located throughout North Carolina to serve students through regional hub site offices.

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

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