Northampton County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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Educational Attainment
Northampton County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
2,043
60.5%

Have Degree or Credential
1,334
39.5%

Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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

Chronic Absenteeism
58% of Northampton County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - non-metro county average of 35%.

Math Performance
13% of Northampton County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - non-metro county average of 29%.

Reading Performance
12% of Northampton County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - non-metro county average of 25%.

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

In Greenville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
85.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science below 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)

39% of adults (ages 25-44) in Northampton County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Northampton County is served by:
Turning Point Workforce Development Board
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments

First-time Curriculum Enrollments

Basic Skills

Continuing Education

Top 3 Employers in Northampton County

Employer
Lowes Home Centers Inc
Meherrin Agricultural & Chem Co Inc
Northampton County

Employment Range
500-999
500-999
250-499
Adult Learners
Northampton County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 17 Basic Skills
- 484 Continuing Education
- 320 Curriculum

13% of Northampton County residents have student loan debt; 6% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Northampton County High School Graduates
- 67% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 45% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 322 of all college-goers attended Halifax CC
- 136 of all college-goers attended Roanoke-Chowan CC
- 30 of all college-goers attended Nash CC

- 52% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 23 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 43% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
- 44% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022

68% of Northampton County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

How students in Northampton County traditional schools are doing:
- Northampton County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 12% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 397 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 13% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 385 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 80% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 16 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2022
- 58% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 639 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Northampton County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 177:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022

3% of students drop out of high school (16 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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