2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Pasquotank County Attainment Goal: 4,760 (52%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 40,661
2020 Census: 40,568
Change: -93

Growth Rate
-0.2% vs. 9.5% State

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Population Spotlight

Pasquotank County residents ages 25-44, 2020

Educational Attainment
Pasquotank County students ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree
57.7%
5,771

Have Degree or Credential
42.3%
4,235

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Earning College Credit in High School
30% of Pasquotank County graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the rural non-metro county average of 49%. Also, <5% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 7%.

Math Performance
15% of Pasquotank County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural non-metro county average of 26%.

Postsecondary Completion
44% of Pasquotank County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-9.6% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-15.1% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-20.4% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

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

How students in Pasquotank County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Pasquotank County needs:

- 12 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 70%), 2022
- 1,167 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 75% vs. 18%), 2022
- 1,518 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 15%), 2022
- 75 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 76%), 2021
- 740 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 27%), 2021

Pasquotank County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 312.1 versus 318.1 in peer counties. 2021

- 49% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (85 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 79% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 42% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

60% of Pasquotank County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

School Choice
6,990 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Pasquotank County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
51 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Pasquotank County completed 215 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Pasquotank County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 44% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 10% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 43% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 90% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 76% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 44% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Pasquotank County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 101 Basic Skills
- 413 Continuing Education
- 678 Curriculum

14% of Pasquotank County residents have student loan debt; 10% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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

13 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 632 graduates in 2020
- 62% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,785 in Basic Services
- 2,643 in Career Services
- 293 in Education Services

12.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Pasquotank 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 Pasquotank County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Pasquotank

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