Perquimans County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Perquimans County Attainment Goal: 2,147 (65%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 13,453
2020 Census: 13,005
Change: -448

Growth Rate
-3.3% vs. 9.5%
County State

$50,813
Median Household Income (2020)
13.3%
Child Poverty Rate (2020)
84%
Households with Broadband (2020)
78%
Home Owners (2020)
74%
Voter Registration Rate (2021)
5.3%
Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Perquimans County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree
57.1%
1,443

Have Degree or Credential
42.9%
1,085

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

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

Transition to Postsecondary
37% of Perquimans County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural non-metro county average of 50%.

First-Year Persistence
64% of Perquimans County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the rural non-metro county average of 73%.

Adult Learners
25% of Perquimans County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural non-metro county average of 17%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-0.2%
2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-22.3%
2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
11.3%
2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
3.0%
2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

How students in Perquimans County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Perquimans County needs:

- Perquimans County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 75%), 2022
- 314 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 31%), 2022
- 380 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 35%), 2022
- 9 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 86%), 2021
- 302 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 30%), 2021

Perquimans County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 392:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

Career and College Preparation
43 high school students took at least one AP course (10%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

41 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (47%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

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School Choice
1,857 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Perquimans County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

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Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Perquimans County, 2021

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 40% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 10% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 47% 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

- 64% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 49% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

Perquimans County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 15 Basic Skills
- 158 Continuing Education
- 174 Curriculum

10% of Perquimans County residents have student loan debt; 23% 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

- 12.4% of young adults ages 16-24 in Perquimans 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 Perquimans County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Perquimans

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