## Surry County

### Population Spotlight
- 2010 Census: 73,673
- 2020 Census: 71,359
- Change: -2,314

### Growth Rate
- -3.1% County vs. 9.5% State

### Median Household Income (2020)
- $47,114

### Child Poverty Rate (2020)
- 21.5%

### Households with Broadband (2020)
- 79%

### Home Owners (2020)
- 73%

### Voter Registration Rate (2021)
- 76%

### Unemployment Rate (2021)
- 4.4%

## Education Continuum

### Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Surry County to improve future attainment outcomes.

### Educational Attainment

**Surry County residents ages 25-44, 2021**

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<th>Have Degree or Credential</th>
<th>45.6%</th>
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<td>No Degree</td>
<td>54.4%</td>
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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding.

### Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

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<td>Postsecondary Enrollment</td>
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| FAFSA Completion                  | -2.9% | 2021-22 vs. 2018-19 |
| Postsecondary Intentions         | -5.4% | 2020-21 vs. 2018-19 |

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

### How students in Surry County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Surry County needs:

- 62% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 56 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 31% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 1,932 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 37% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 2,272 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 43 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 26% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,517 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Surry County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 319:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

| 59% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 148 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022 |
| https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/ |
| 69% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021 |
| 51% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021 |

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

### Career and College Preparation
- 501 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (65%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).

### School Choice
- 12,351 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Surry County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Surry County, 2021

- **Overall**
- **Female**
- **Male**
- **Black**
- **Hispanic**
- **White**
- **Low-Income**
- **Not Low-Income**

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 32% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 57% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 78% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties, 2021
- 59% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties, 2021

Adult Learners

Surry County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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8% of Surry County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

83.2% 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 (below bachelor’s and bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

1,224 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 4,918 graduates in 2020
- 78% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 12,639 in Basic Services
- 5,245 in Career Services
- 785 in Education Services

16.2% of young adults ages 16-24 in Surry 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 Surry County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Surry

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