Surry County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Surry County Attainment Goal: 10,855 (Stretch Goal: 10,986)  
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 71,367  
2022 Estimate: 71,403  
Change: 36

Growth Rate
0.1% County  
2.5% State

73% Home Owners (2022)  
State: 67%

24.0% Child Poverty Rate (2022)  
State: 17.2%

14.3% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)  
State: 10.0%

66% Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%

3.4% Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

Median Household Income (2022) $49,524  
State: $67,516

Educational Attainment
Surry County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree 9,205 (57.6%)

Have Degree or Credential 6,771 (42.4%)

Less than high school 14%

High school graduate (including GED) 26%

Some college, no credential 17%

Short-term credential 8%

Associate degree 14%

Bachelor’s degree 14%

Graduate or professional degree 7%

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

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

FAFSA Completion
54% of Surry County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - non-metro county average of 61%.

School Counselors
Surry County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 383:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

NC Pre-K Enrollment
66% of Surry County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 68%.

Promising Attainment Practices
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In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
82.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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)

40% of adults (ages 25-44) in Surry County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Surry County is served by:

- Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board
- Piedmont Triad Regional Council

In Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science below bachelor’s  
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Business Management & Administration bachelor’s

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

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Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 2,323 certificate
- 2,089 associate
- 2,703 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Winston-Salem Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above
  - University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem State University
- Public, 2-year
  - Davidson-Davie Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Surry Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  - Carolina Christian College, Carolina University, Salem College, Wake Forest University
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Success of Surry County High School Graduates
- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 59% 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
- 3,008 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 282 of all college-goers attended Forsyth TCC
- 163 of all college-goers attended Wilkes CC

Adult Learners
- Surry County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
  - 211 Basic Skills
  - 2,981 Continuing Education
  - 2,045 Curriculum
- 8% of Surry County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

How students in Surry County traditional schools are doing:
- 66% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 37 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 31% of 8-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 2,457 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 40% of 8-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 2,058 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 40 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 21% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 998 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023
- Surry County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 383:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023
- 2% of students drop out of high school (65 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Surry County completed 5,386 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (1,042 (19%) were industry-valued credentials) and 783 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.
- 141 high school students took at least one AP test (<5%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 497 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (63%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
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Surry County Schools | 2022-2023

Total Schools: 20  Total Students: 7,086

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Surry County Schools are currently doing:

- 30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,361 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 41% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,434 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 31 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 21% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 763 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Surry County Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 354:1. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Surry County Schools completed 4,690 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (717 (15%) were industry-valued credentials) and 566 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

- 43 high school students took at least one AP test (<5%) (2023).
- 354 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (63%) (2023).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Surry County Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

- 51% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 165 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 73% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Surry County Schools, 2022

- Overall: Surry County Schools 67%, North Carolina 75%
- Female: Surry County Schools 65%, North Carolina 73%
- Male: Surry County Schools 71%, North Carolina 79%
- Black: Surry County Schools 59%, North Carolina 69%
- Hispanic: Surry County Schools 50%, North Carolina 63%
- White: Surry County Schools 74%, North Carolina 82%
- Low-Income: Surry County Schools 59%, North Carolina 69%
- Not Low-Income: Surry County Schools 73%, North Carolina 84%

Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

Postsecondary completion

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- Surry CC
- Forsyth TCC
- Wilkes CC

- 81% of college students persist to their second year of attendance. 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022

- Surry County Schools 59%
- North Carolina 59%

** Observations <10 or no data available

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Elkin City Schools | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 4  Total Students: 1,217

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Elkin City Schools are currently doing:
• 36% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 208 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
• 38% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 269 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
• 93% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 3 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
• 16% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 66 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Elkin City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 406:1. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Elkin City Schools completed 252 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (115 (46%) were industry-valued credentials) and 114 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Business Management & Administration.

48 high school students took at least one AP test (11%) (2023). 74 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (73%) (2023).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Elkin City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:
• 65% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 14 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
• 84% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022
• 74% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Elkin City Schools, 2022

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POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
• Surry CC
• Forsyth TCC
• Wilkes CC
• 73% of college students persist to their second year of attendance. 2022

Percentage of students enrolled in North Carolina postsecondary institution who graduate within 6 years of enrollment, 2022

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City/District School Profile
Mount Airy City Schools | 2022-2023
This profile is a supplement to the County Profiles

Total Schools: 4  Total Students: 1,664

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Mount Airy City Schools are currently doing:
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 307 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 39% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 355 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 89% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 7 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 20% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 169 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Mount Airy City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 555:1. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Mount Airy City Schools completed 444 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (210 (47%) were industry-valued credentials) and 103 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Manufacturing; and Health Science.

50 high school students took at least one AP test (9%) (2023). 69 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (54%) (2023).

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Mount Airy City Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:
- 64% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 18 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 73% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution. 2022
- 62% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. 2022

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Mount Airy City Schools, 2022

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POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

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