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% vs. 2.5%
County State

$49,524 73%
Median Household Income (2022) Home Owners (2022)
State: $67,516 State: 67%

24.0% 14.2%
Child Poverty Rate (2022) Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 17.2% State: 12.1%

Rural - Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 3 (2023)
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

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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
High school graduate (including GED)
Some college, no credential
Short-term credential
Associate degree
Bachelor’s degree
Graduate or professional degree
14% 26% 17% 8% 14% 14% 7%

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
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

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$43,544 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

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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

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

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

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Surry County, 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Surry County completed 3,914 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 691 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

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 3-8 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 3-8 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
- 30% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 2,039 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Surry County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 383:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022

2% of students drop out of high school (67 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

School Choice
12,271 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Surry County in the 2022-23 school year.

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

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/
Total Schools: 20  Total Students: 7,086

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
- 36% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,819 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Surry County Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 354:1 versus 325:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Surry County Schools completed 3,217 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 446 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

117 high school students took at least one AP course (5%) (2022).

529 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (48%) (2022).

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

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City/District School Profile
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
• 13% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 25 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Elkin City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 406:1 versus 325:1 in peer districts. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Elkin City Schools completed 229 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 122 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Business Management & Administration.

• 59 high school students took at least one AP course (15%) (2022).
• 101 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (57%) (2022).

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

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
• 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

• Elkin City Schools
• North Carolina

** Observations <10 or no data available

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City/District School Profile

Mount Airy City Schools | 2022-2023

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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%. 2022
- 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
- 22% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 195 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Mount Airy City Schools has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 555:1 versus 325:1 in peer districts. 2023

Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Mount Airy City Schools completed 468 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 123 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Human Services; and Manufacturing.

- 51 high school students took at least one AP course (9%) (2022).
- 96 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (39%) (2022).

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

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

- 80% 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

Mount Airy City Schools | North Carolina

- 55%
- 59%

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