**Vance County**

**2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)**
**2030 Proposed Vance County Attainment Goal: 6,312 (51%)**

### Population Spotlight
- 2020 Census: 45,422
- 2020 Census: 42,578
- Change: -2,844

### Education Continuum
- **Chronic Absenteeism**
  - 51% of Vance County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

- **Transition to Postsecondary**
  - 28% of Vance County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural non-metro county average of 50%.

### Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools)**
  - -3.9% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- **Postsecondary Enrollment**
  - -23.1% 2021 vs. 2020
- **FAFSA Completion**
  - -14.7% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
- **Postsecondary Intentions**
  - -25.5% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

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

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

- To meet state goals, each year Vance County needs:
  - • 59% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 65 more needed to meet state goal of 75% 2022.
  - • 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 1,403 more needed to meet state goal of 73% 2022.
  - • 12% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 1,760 more needed to meet state goal of 86% 2022.
  - • 85% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 37 more needed to meet state goal of 95% 2021.
  - • 51% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,989 less needed to meet state goal of 11% 2021.

- Vance County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 273:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- • 41% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 98 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80% 2022.
  - [https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/](https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/)

- • 44% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021

- • 28% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

- 66% of Vance County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

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

- Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

### Career and College Preparation
- 95 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (28%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).
- Students in Vance County completed 122 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Hospitality & Tourism; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.
Success of Vance County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 43% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 42% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 94% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 56% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 50% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Vance County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

59 Basic Skills
617 Continuing Education
727 Curriculum

14% of Vance County residents have student loan debt; 16% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.8% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (below bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)
- Information Technology (bachelor’s)

5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2020
65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

5,026 in Basic Services
2,166 in Career Services
109 in Education Services

19.8% of young adults ages 16-24 in Vance 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 Vance County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Vance

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