

Pamlico County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

Educational Attainment

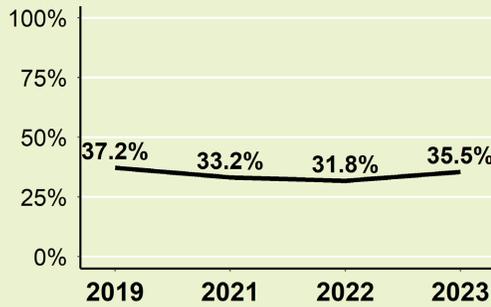
Pamlico County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
849
35.5%

No Degree
1,545
64.5%

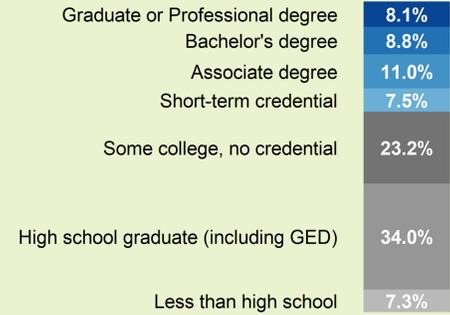
Residents Ages 25-44
2,394

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

2030 Proposed Pamlico County Attainment Goal: 1,377 (Stretch Goal: 1,408)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

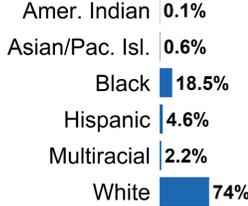
Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 12,270
2023 Estimate: 12,423
Change: 153

Growth Rate

1.2% County vs. 3.8% State

Race/Ethnicity



\$61,996
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



83.3%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



69.1%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



17.4%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



13.6%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



2.8%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Labor Force Participation

68% of Pamlico County adults 25-44 are in the labor force, below the rural - metro county average of 81%.

In Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

53.2%

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

Top Misalignments

Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Education & Training Jobs < Creds
- Health Science Jobs > Creds
- Manufacturing Jobs < Creds



4 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

1,967 graduates in 2020
55.9% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$36,955 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

44.2% of adults (ages 25-44) in Pamlico County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

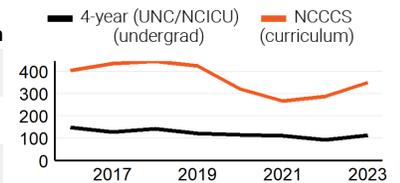
17.8% of youth (ages 16-24) in Pamlico County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

68.4% of adults (ages 25-44) in Pamlico County participated in the labor force. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Information Security Analysts	4.14%
Nurse Practitioners	3.85%
Web and Digital Interface Designers	3.32%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Pamlico County Residents



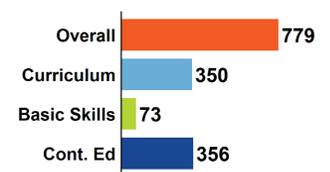
Top 3 Employers in Pamlico County

Employer	Employment Range
The Young Men's Christian Association	500-999
County of Pamlico	100-249
Pamlico County Board of Education	100-249

Top 3 industries in Pamlico County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	583 15.8%
Retail Trade	561 15.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	525 14.3%

Pamlico County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Pamlico County is served by:

- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board
- Eastern Carolina Council of Governments

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



First-Year Persistence

69% of Pamlico County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education persist to their second year, below the rural - metro county average of 80%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

1,467 certificate | 1,580 associate | 37 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Pamlico County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

- 18 Basic Skills
- 320 Continuing Education
- 147 Curriculum

23.2% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023



8.6% of Pamlico County residents have student loan debt, NA of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Pamlico County High School Graduates

69.2% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

95.0% UNC | 67.7% NCCCS | NA NCICU

54.9% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

26.8% UNC | 22.5% NCCCS | 5.6% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 508 of all college-goers attended Pamlico CC
- 134 of all college-goers attended Craven CC
- 37 of all college-goers attended East Carolina University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

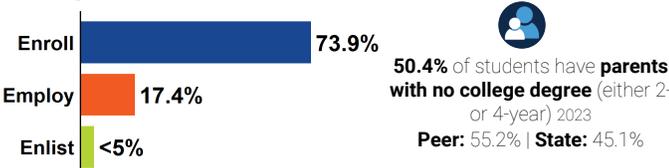


FAFSA Completion

50% of Pamlico County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 52%.

50.0% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 30 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

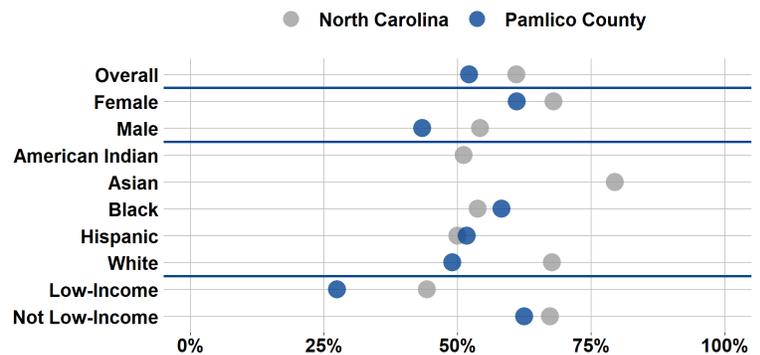
Post High School Graduation Intentions



94.4% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 1 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

50.4% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Pamlico County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Chronic Absenteeism

30% of Pamlico County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - metro county average of 27%.

Pamlico County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%). Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2% 2024

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Pamlico County Traditional Public Schools students:

24.5% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 233 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

34.5% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 248 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

29.8% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 229 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

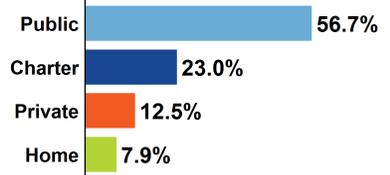
Pamlico County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 284:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

1.3% of students drop out of high school (6 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 4
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 2
Home School(s): 111

2,030 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 478 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 65 concentrations. 78 (16.3%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

41 (9.6%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

52 (51.0%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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