

# Person County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

## Educational Attainment

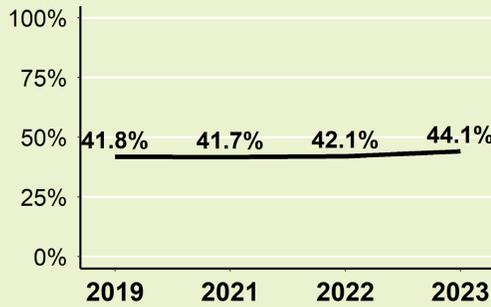
Person County residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
3,852  
44.1%

**No Degree**  
4,884  
55.9%

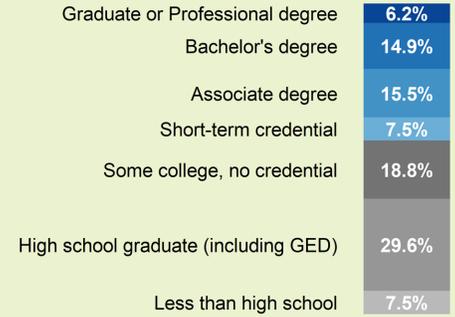
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
8,736

## 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 Person County Attainment Goal: 5,871 (Stretch Goal: 5,952)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 39,088  
2023 Estimate: 39,737  
Change: 649

## Growth Rate

1.7% County vs. 3.8% State

## Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.1%  
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0.4%  
Black 25.5%  
Hispanic 5.9%  
Multiracial 3.3%  
White 64.8%



\$64,466  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838



75.9%  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%



67.3%  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%



31.4%  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%



20.0%  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%



3.1%  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

## Top Opportunities for Growth



### Opportunity Youth

19% of Person County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the rural - metro county average of 15%.

## In Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

75.8%

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

## Top Misalignments

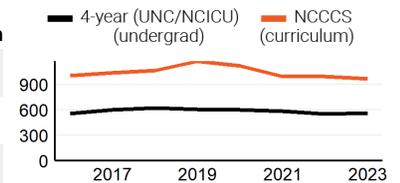
### Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Health Science Jobs > Creds
- Business Management & Administration Jobs > Creds
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Jobs < Creds

## Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4.09%
Data Scientists	3.79%
Statisticians	3.71%

## Postsecondary Enrollment for Person County Residents



0 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

## UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2020  
64.9% 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), 2021

53.8% of adults (ages 25-44) in Person County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

18.8% of youth (ages 16-24) in Person County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

83.5% of adults (ages 25-44) in Person County participated in the labor force. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

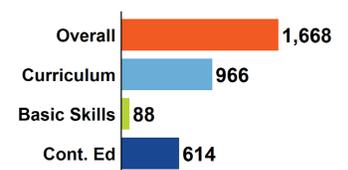
## Top 3 Employers in Person County

Employer	Employment Range
Person County Board of Education	500-999
Poly Wood LLC	500-999
County of Person	500-999

## Top 3 industries in Person County

Industry	Jobs   Percent
Retail Trade	1,605   16.8%
Manufacturing	1,231   12.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,213   12.7%

## Person County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



## Person County is served by:

- Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board
- Kerr-Tar Council of Governments

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Postsecondary Completion

53% of Person County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural - metro county average of 57%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

4,998 certificate | 5,648 associate | 16,524 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

42 Basic Skills  
506 Continuing Education  
233 Curriculum

18.8% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023



11.5% of Person County residents have student loan debt, 2.8% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Person County High School Graduates

75.3% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

89.7% UNC | 60.3% NCCCS | 73.3% NCICU

52.5% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

30.5% UNC | 13.0% NCCCS | 5.6% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 1,232 of all college-goers attended Piedmont CC
- 136 of all college-goers attended Durham TCC
- 98 of all college-goers attended East Carolina University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

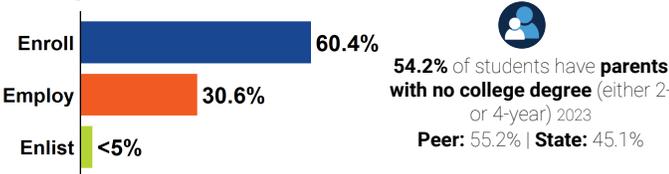


Postsecondary Enrollment

45% of Person County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the rural - metro county average of 52%.

47.9% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 76 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

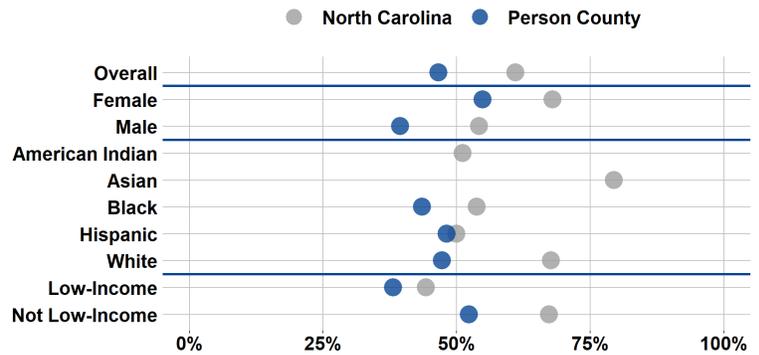
Post High School Graduation Intentions



83.1% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 42 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

44.9% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Person County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Reading Performance

24% of Person County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - metro county average of 25%.

67.0% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 16 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2%

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

Person County Traditional Public Schools students:

23.9% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 1,013 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

36.3% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 1,026 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

23.0% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 546 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

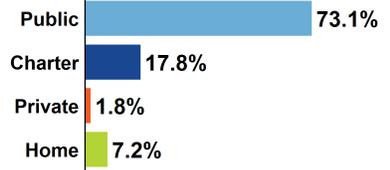
Person County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 332:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.2% of students drop out of high school (2 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1  
Traditional Public School(s): 12  
Charter School(s): 2  
Private School(s): 2  
Home School(s): 240

5,877 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 1,915 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 239 concentrations. 339 (17.7%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Architecture and Construction; Health Science; and Human Services.

70 (6%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

159 (52.1%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

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