

Washington County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro

Educational Attainment

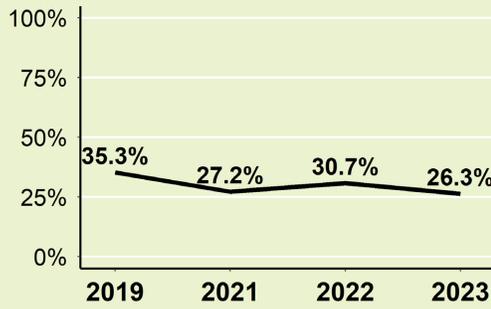
Washington County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
520
26.3%

No Degree
1,456
73.7%

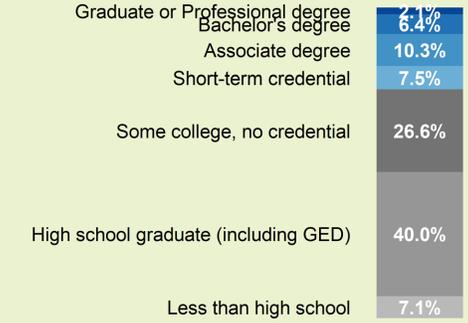
Residents Ages 25-44
1,976

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 Washington County Attainment Goal: 1,124 (Stretch Goal: 1,150)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 11,004
2023 Estimate: 10,713
Change: -291

Growth Rate
-2.6% vs. 3.8%
County State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0%
Black 48.9%
Hispanic 3.9%
Multiracial 2.5%
White 44.6%

\$47,239
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838

68.7%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%

50.0%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%

33.7%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%

21.4%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%

0.7%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

36% of Washington County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the rural - non-metro county average of 40%.

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.4%

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

Top Misalignments

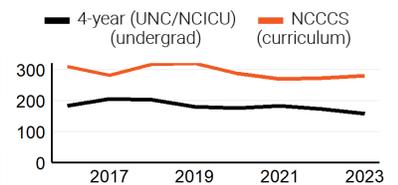
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Education & Training Jobs < Creds
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs > Creds
- Health Science Jobs > Creds

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	3.80%
Medical and Health Services Managers	2.77%
Logisticians	2.54%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Washington County Residents



0 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

632 graduates in 2020
61.5% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

35.8% of adults (ages 25-44) in Washington County earned a family sustaining wage. Peer: 40.5% | State: 57.6%, 2023

17.7% of youth (ages 16-24) in Washington County were Opportunity Youth. Peer: 13.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

80.8% of adults (ages 25-44) in Washington County participated in the labor force. Peer: 78.3% | State: 84.2%, 2023

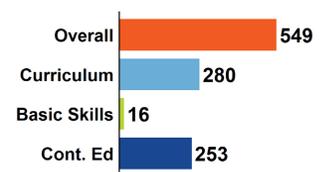
Top 3 Employers in Washington County

Employer	Employment Range
Domtar Paper Company LLC	250-499
Washington County Board of Education	250-499
County of Washington	100-249

Top 3 industries in Washington County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Manufacturing	673 21.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	460 14.8%
Public Administration	386 12.4%

Washington County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Washington County is served by:

- Northeastern Workforce Development Board
- Albemarle Commission

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

27% of Washington County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

285 certificate | 367 associate | 397 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

- 11 Basic Skills
- 215 Continuing Education
- 64 Curriculum

26.6% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.9% | State: 11.7%, 2023



14.8% of Washington County residents have student loan debt. 1.9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Washington County High School Graduates

76.2% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 79.6% | State: 83.8%, 2023

92.6% UNC | 50.0% NCCCS | NA NCICU

50.0% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 55.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

34.8% UNC | 15.2% NCCCS | NA NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 310 of all college-goers attended Beaufort County CC
- 96 of all college-goers attended Martin CC
- 64 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

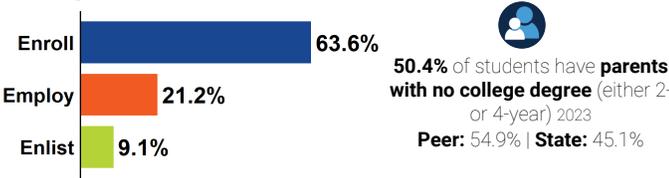


Postsecondary Enrollment

43% of Washington County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the rural - non-metro county average of 52%.

47.9% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 23 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 54.0% | State: 55.0%

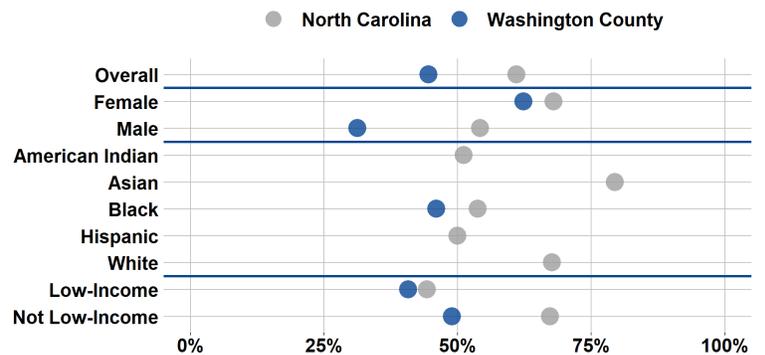
Post High School Graduation Intentions



84.7% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 9 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

42.9% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.6% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Washington 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

13% of Washington County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - non-metro county average of 25%.

Washington County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%). Peer: 71.0% | 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.

Washington County Traditional Public Schools students:

13.5% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 248 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 24.5% | State: 29.8%

25.3% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 252 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 30.3% | State: 36.5%

36.0% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 267 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.7% | State: 25.7%

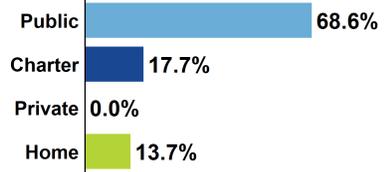
Washington County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 333:1 compared to 332:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.3% of students drop out of high school (1 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 5
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 0
Home School(s): 125

1,459 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 471 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 94 concentrations. 104 (22.1%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Business Management & Administration; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.



Less than 10 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).



39 (50.0%) 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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