

# Northeast

## Prosperity Zone (PZ)

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



### Counties in Northeast PZ:

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimance, Pitt, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties

### Northeast PZ Served By:

Albemarle, Mid-East, and Upper Coastal Plain Councils of Governments and Northeastern, Rivers East, and Turning Point Workforce Development Boards

### Educational Attainment

Northeast residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
59,215  
48.8%

**No Degree**  
62,153  
51.2%

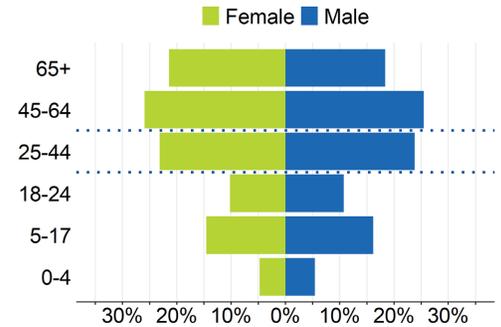
**Residents Ages 25-44**  
121,368

### Educational Level Breakdown, 2023

Graduate or Professional degree	10.1%
Bachelor's degree	18.6%
Associate degree	12.5%
Short-term credential	7.5%
Some college, no credential	15.7%
High school graduate (including GED)	26.6%
Less than high school	9.0%

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

### Age Structure, 2023



2030 Proposed Northeast Attainment Goal: 77,882

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

### Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 514,489  
2023 Estimate: 520,111  
Change: 5,622

### Growth Rate

1.1% vs. 3.8%  
County State

### Race/Ethnicity, 2023

Amer. Indian	0.4%
Asian/Pac. Isl.	1.1%
Black	33.1%
Hispanic	5.9%
Multiracial	3.3%
White	55.8%

**\$59,628**  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838

**64.8%**  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%

**65.8%**  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%

**23.4%**  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%

**19.6%**  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%

**3.7%**  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### In Northeast Prosperity Zone:

**83.8%**

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

**654** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**8,006** graduates in 2020  
**70.2%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
**\$45,164** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

**45.1%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Northeast earned a family sustaining wage. State: 57.6%, 2023

**12.3%** of youth (ages 16-24) in Northeast were Opportunity Youth. State: 10.3%, 2023

**82.3%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Northeast participated in the labor force. State: 84.2%, 2023

### Top Industries in Northeast PZ, 2024 Q2

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Health Care and Social Assistance	34,306	\$1,152
Retail Trade	26,819	\$676
Accommodation and Food Services	23,775	\$439
Public Administration	14,748	\$1,044
Admin Support, Waste Mgmt, Rem. Services	10,506	\$1,211

### Top Job Sectors in Northeast PZ, 2024 Q2

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	148,953	\$912
Local Government	34,909	\$1,143
State Government	12,543	\$1,351
Federal Government	2,464	\$1,535

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

### Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ, 2023

1,969 certificate | 2,224 associate | 5,397 bachelor's

### Adult Learners

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

853 Basic Skills  
8,001 Continuing Education  
3,480 Curriculum

15.7% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. State: 11.7%, 2023

### Success of Northeast High School Graduates

78.5% of students who enroll persist to their second year. State: 83.8%, 2023

91.2% UNC | 64.6% NCCCS | 70.2% NCICU

53.9% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. State: 60.0%, 2023

30.6% UNC | 14.1% NCCCS | <5% NCICU

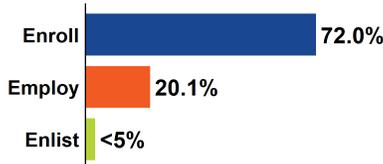
### Top destinations of all college-goers, 2024

- 7,745 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC
- 4,629 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 3,577 of all college-goers attended Beaufort County CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

58.6% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 932 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. State: 55.0%

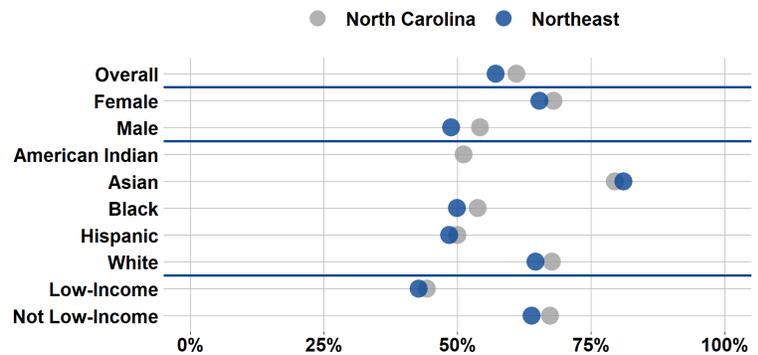
### Post High School Graduation Intentions, 2023



84.4% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 586 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. State: 87.3% 2024

55.4% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. State: 59.3% 2023

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Northeast, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

73.8% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 32 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. State: 57.2%

### Northeast Traditional Public Schools students:

25.7% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 17,490 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. State: 29.8%

32.9% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 11,640 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. State: 36.5%

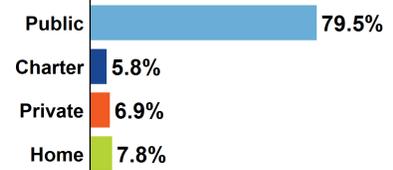
28.1% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 11,725 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. State: 25.7%

2.5% of students drop out of high school (494 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

### School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 19  
Traditional Public School(s): 165  
Charter School(s): 9  
Private School(s): 52  
Home School(s): 3,806

81,307 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



### Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 23,617 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 3,547 concentrations. 3,593 (15.2%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Health Science; Human Services; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

1,598 (7.9%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

2,272 (46.8%) 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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