Beaufort County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Beaufort County Attainment Goal: 5,588 (Stretch Goal: 5,674)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

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$54,415
Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516

71%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

28.8%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

13.0%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

66%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

3.9%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Beaufort County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
5,515 59.5%

Have Degree or Credential
3,755 40.5%

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Beaufort County to improve future attainment outcomes.

NC Pre-K Enrollment
52% of Beaufort County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 68%.

FAFSA Completion
52% of Beaufort County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - non-metro county average of 61%.

Adult Learners
22% of Beaufort County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

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 Beaufort County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Beaufort

In Greenville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
85.4%
of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science below bachelor’s
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s
Business Management & Administration bachelor’s

402 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
7,374 graduates in 2020
71% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
$46,194 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

46% of adults (ages 25-44) in Beaufort County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Beaufort County is served by:
Rivers East Workforce Development Board
Mid-East Commission

UNC System College Enrollment
Curriculum
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Greenville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners 4%
Data Scientists 3%
Logisticians 3%

Top 3 Employers in Beaufort County
Employer Employment Range
Beaufort County Schools 500-999
Nutrien 500-999
Pamlico Air 500-999

First-time Curriculum Enrollments
Basic Skills
Continuing Education
2015 2017 2019 2021 2023
800 750 700 650
3,000 2,500 2,000 1,500 1,000 500
400 375 350 325 300
40 30 20 10 0
2,000 2,400 2,800 3,200
1,800 1,600 1,400 1,200 1,000 800
160 140 120 100
2018 2020 2022
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Adult Learners
Beaufort County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- Basic Skills: 142
- Continuing Education: 2,431
- Curriculum: 1,421

Success of Beaufort County High School Graduates
- 75% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 58% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 2,065 of all college-goers attended Beaufort County CC
- 350 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC
- 54 of all college-goers attended Martin CC

Postsecondary assets in Greenville Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above: East Carolina University
- Public, 2-year: Beaufort County Community College, Halifax Community College, Martin Community College, Pitt Community College, Roanoke-Chowan Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above: Chowan University
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Beaufort County, 2022
Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

How students in Beaufort County traditional schools are doing:
- 52% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 121 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 82% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022
- 55% of Beaufort County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

Beaufort County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 338:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022

School Choice
- Total students: 7,329
- Enrolled in Beaufort County: 2022-23 school year.
- Not-for-profit (5%): Chartier (5%)
- Private (8%)
- Home (79%)

Access to Postsecondary Credits
- Students in Beaufort County completed 3,415 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 159 concentrations in 2022. The top three concentrations completed include Manufacturing, Health Science, and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.
- 140 high school students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 7% in peer counties (2022).

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