Beaufort County

**Population Spotlight**
- 2020 Census: 47,759
- 2020 Census: 44,652
- Change: -3,107
- 2030 Proposed Beaufort County Attainment Goal: 5,588 (53%)
- 2010 Census: 47,759

**Education Impact of Covid-19**
- Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

**Top Opportunities for Growth**
- These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Beaufort County to improve future attainment outcomes.
- NC Pre-K Enrollment: 47% of Beaufort County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural non-metro county average of 68%.
- Adult Learners: 22% of Beaufort County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural non-metro county average of 17%.
- Postsecondary Completion: 52% of Beaufort County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

**Educational Attainment**
- Beaufort County residents ages 25-44, 2021
- No Degree: 60.0% (5,516)
- Have Degree or Credential: 40.0% (3,682)

**Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline**
- K-12 Enrollment (district schools): -8.6% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- Postsecondary Enrollment: -0.0% 2021 vs. 2020

**School Choice**
- 7,415 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Beaufort County in the 2021-22 school year.

**Career and College Preparation**
- 184 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (42%) versus 49% in peer counties (2021).
- Students in Beaufort County completed 158 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Manufacturing; Human Services; and Health Science.

**Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Beaufort County, 2021**

**Note:** Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

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Beaufort County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 345:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 54% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 96 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022 [https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/]
- 80% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 49% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

58% of Beaufort County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding.
Success of Beaufort County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 33% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 53% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 71% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 52% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Beaufort County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 164 Basic Skills
- 967 Continuing Education
- 1,392 Curriculum

- 12% of Beaufort County residents have student loan debt; 17% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

86.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (below bachelor’s and 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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 8,737 in Basic Services
- 4,829 in Career Services
- 278 in Education Services

13.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Beaufort County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/