Beaufort County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Beaufort County Attainment Goal: 5,588 (Stretch Goal: 5,674)  
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 44,658  
2022 Estimate: 44,272  
Change: -386

Growth Rate
-0.9% vs. 2.5%

71% Home Owners (2022)  
State: 67%

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

18.6% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)  
State: 10.9%

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

3.9% Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

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

Educational Attainment
Beaufort County residents ages 25-44, 2022

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<th>Did NOT Graduate from High School</th>
<th>High School Graduate (including GED)</th>
<th>Some college, no credential</th>
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<td>12%</td>
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Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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 level
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s level
- Business Management & Administration below bachelor’s level

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
NC Community College Enrollment
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
Adult Learners
Greenville Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 451 Basic Skills
- 7,014 Continuing Education
- 2,424 Curriculum

- 10% of Beaufort County residents have student loan debt. 14% of debt holders had student loans in default.

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

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%.
- 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

- 46% of Beaufort County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 1,509 certificate
- 1,805 associate
- 4,867 bachelor’s

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
- Overall
- Female
- Male
- American Indian
- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Low-Income
- Not Low-Income

- 7,329 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Beaufort County in the 2022-23 school year.

- 5% Charter
- 52% District
- 43% Home
- 8% Private

School Choice
- 7,329 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Beaufort County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
- Students in Beaufort County completed 3,083 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (369 (12%) were industry-valued credentials) and 208 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Manufacturing.
- 149 high school students took at least one AP test (8%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 184 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (40%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).

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