2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Brunswick County Attainment Goal: 22,373 (62%)

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 136,693
2010 Census: 107,431
Change: 29,262

Education Pipeline
Impact of Covid-19 on outcomes. Improve future attainment opportunities for Brunswick County to represent the biggest areas for Growth.

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

Educational Attainment
Brunswick County residents ages 25-44, 2021

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<th>Education Continuum</th>
<th>Less than high school</th>
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<th>Some college, no credential</th>
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<td>Have Degree or Credential</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>No Degree</td>
<td>52.2%</td>
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Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding.

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

How students in Brunswick County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Brunswick County needs:

• 49% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 137 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
• 29% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,569 more needed to meet state goal of 72%.
• 35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 2,949 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.
• 84% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 121 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
• 27% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,942 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.

Brunswick County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 352.1 versus 362.1 in peer counties. 2021

School Choice
16,830 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Brunswick County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
327 high school students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021). Students in Brunswick County completed 300 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Brunswick County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Brunswick County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Brunswick County High School Graduates

- 37% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 9% 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
- 93% of college-goers attended an in-state college
- 76% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 56% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Brunswick County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 284 Basic Skills
- 1,496 Continuing Education
- 2,210 Curriculum

11% of Brunswick County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

85.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

- 273 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020
- 5,768 graduates in 2020
- 66% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $44,807 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 8,319 in Basic Services
- 4,329 in Career Services
- 501 in Education Services

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Postsecondary assets in Wilmington Prosperity Zone sub-region

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2021
- 1,154 certificate
- 1,686 associate
- 3,936 bachelor’s

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