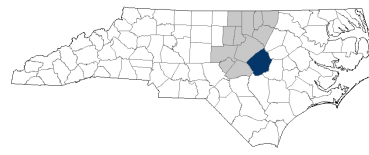


Johnston County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Raleigh-Durham
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 3 (2023)

2030 Proposed Johnston County Attainment Goal: 40,244 (Stretch Goal: 40,807)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 215,991
2022 Estimate: 234,778
Change: 18,787

Growth Rate

8.7% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$80,612
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



77%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



14.8%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



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



68%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.3%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Johnston County residents ages 25-44, 2022

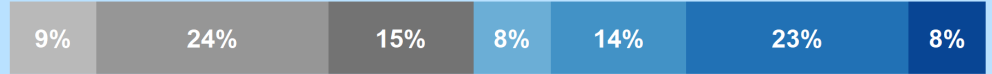
Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree



No Degree
27,676
48.2%



Have Degree or Credential
29,790
51.8%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Johnston County to improve future attainment outcomes.



Earning College Credit in High School

5% of Johnston County graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs, below the suburban county average of 23%. Also, 7% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 14%.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

32% of Johnston County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the suburban county average of 45%.



School Counselors

Johnston County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 407:1, above the suburban county average of 327:1.

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 Johnston County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Johnston

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

76.5%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

Business Management & Administration bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Information Technology bachelor's



5,347 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

19,047 graduates in 2020

65% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$50,028 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)



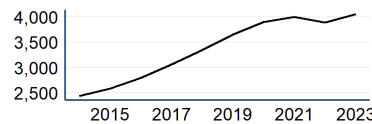
56% of adults (ages 25-44) in Johnston County earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

Johnston County is served by:

Capital Area Workforce Development Board
Central Pines Council of Governments

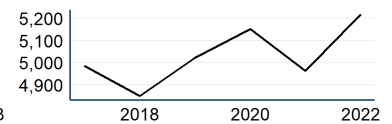
UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



NC Community College Enrollment

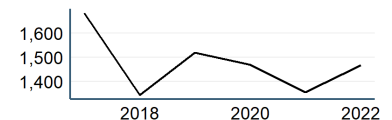
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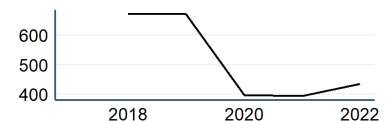
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Data Scientists	4%
Statisticians	4%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



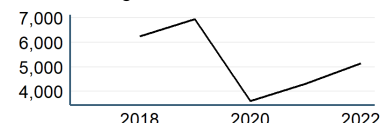
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Johnston County

Employer	Employment Range
Johnston County Public Schools	1000+
Johnston Health	1000+
Industries Lp	1000+

Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Johnston County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

435 Basic Skills
5,145 Continuing Education
5,219 Curriculum



15% of Johnston County residents have **student loan debt**; 6% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Johnston County High School Graduates

- 84% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 61% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 4,942 of all college-goers attended **Johnston CC**
- 1,786 of all college-goers attended **Wake TCC**
- 262 of all college-goers attended **Wayne CC**

• 59% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 591 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

• 72% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022

• 56% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022



48% of Johnston County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

How students in Johnston County traditional schools are doing:

- 32% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 417 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 9,312 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 8,859 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 92% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 106 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 23% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 32% statewide; 4,689 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022



Johnston County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 407:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2022



2% of students **drop out of high school** (267 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

5,278 certificate | 5,596 associate | 16,200 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Raleigh-Durham Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above

North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Public, 2-year

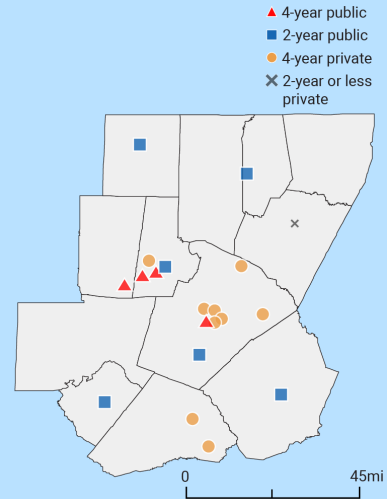
Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Piedmont Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

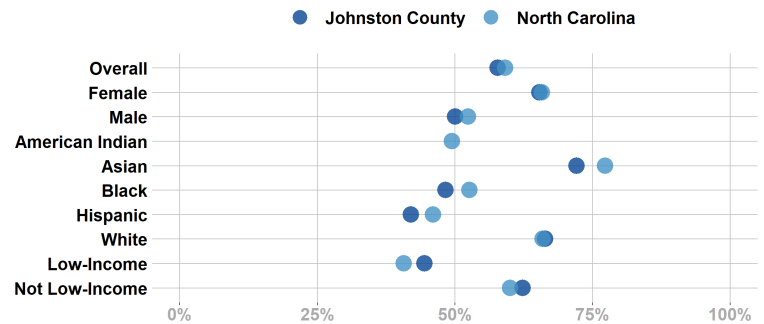
Campbell University, Duke University, Heritage Bible College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Shaw University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College, Watts School of Nursing, William Peace University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Louisburg College



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Johnston County, 2022

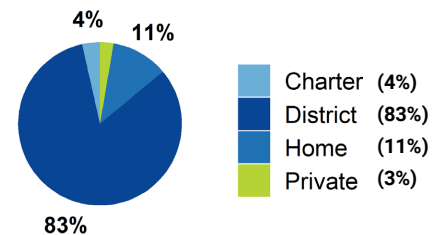


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

44,470 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Johnston County in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Johnston County completed 3,515 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 1,987 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Health Science.



849 high school students took at least one **AP course** (7%) versus 14% in peer counties (2022).



282 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (5%) versus 23% in peer counties (2022).

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

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