**Lenoir County**

*myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles*

### Population Spotlight

- **2020 Census:** 55,124
- **2022 Estimate:** 54,633
- Change: -491

### Growth Rate

- **County:** -0.9%
- **State:** 2.5%

### 2030 Proposed Lenoir County Attainment Goal: 5,994 (Stretch Goal: 6,107)

### 2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

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**Goldsboro-Kinston Prosperity Zone Sub-Region**

**Peer County Type:** Rural - Non-Metro

**Local Education Agencies:** 1 (2023)

**Charter Schools:** 1 (2023)

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**Educational Attainment**

Lenoir County residents ages 25-44, 2022

- **No Degree:** 7,787 (65.0%)
- **Have Degree or Credential:** 4,194 (35.0%)

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**Top Opportunities for Growth**

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

- **NC Pre-K Enrollment:** 40% of Lenoir County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 68%.
- **Math Performance:** 22% of Lenoir County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - non-metro county average of 29%.
- **School Counselors:** Lenoir County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 402:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

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**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 Lenoir County has been meeting local needs:

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

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**In Goldsboro-Kinston Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:**

- **72.6%** of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

117 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

**UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**

- **1,646** graduates in 2020
- **75%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- **$38,627** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

30% of adults (ages 25-44) in Lenoir County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

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**Lenoir County is served by:**

- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board
- Eastern Carolina Council of Governments
### Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 1,805 certificate
- 1,140 associate
- 506 bachelor's

### Postsecondary assets in Goldsboro-Kinston Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above
  - James Sprunt Community College, Lenoir Community College
- Public, 2-year
  - Wayne Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  - University of Mount Olive
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year
  -... (continued)

### Success of Lenoir County High School Graduates
- 75% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% 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
- 2,152 of all college-goers attended Lenoir CC
- 275 of all college-goers attended Wayne CC
- 189 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

### How students in Lenoir County traditional schools are doing:
- 40% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 134 more needed to meet state goal of 75% 2022
- 20% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 2,473 more needed to meet state goal of 73% 2023
- 22% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 2,378 more needed to meet state goal of 86% 2023
- 84% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 71 more needed to meet state goal of 95% 2023
- 31% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide, 1,704 less needed to meet state goal of 11% 2023
- Lenoir County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 402:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023
- 2% of students drop out of high school (57 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

### Access to Postsecondary Credits
- 1,356 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (145 (11%) were industry-valued credentials) and 498 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Architecture and Construction.
- 159 high school students took at least one AP test (6%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 265 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (47%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).