

Onslow County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

2030 Proposed Onslow County Attainment Goal: 29,424 (Stretch Goal: 29,780)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 204,585
 2022 Estimate: 207,298
 Change: 2,713

Growth Rate

1.3% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$62,190
 Median Household Income (2022)
 State: \$67,516



59%
 Home Owners (2022)
 State: 67%



16.9%
 Child Poverty Rate (2022)
 State: 17.2%



14.3%
 Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
 State: 10.9%



80%
 Households with Broadband (2022)
 State: 77%



4.3%
 Unemployment Rate (2022)
 State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Onslow 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
31,567
 54.0%



Have Degree or Credential
26,855
 46.0%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



NC Pre-K Enrollment

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



Earning College Credit in High School

27% of Onslow County graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs, below the suburban county average of 39%. Also, 11% of high school students took at least one AP exam, below the peer county average of 15%.



School Counselors

Onslow County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 485:1, 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 Onslow County has been meeting local needs:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

54.5%

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
- Business Management & Administration** bachelor's
- Education & Training** bachelor's



201 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

1,967 graduates in 2020

56% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$36,955 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

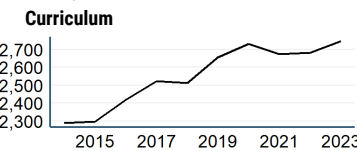


45% of adults (ages 25-44) in Onslow County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

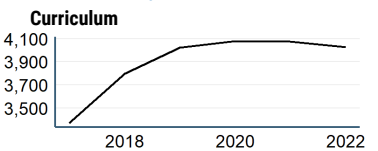
Onslow County is served by:

- Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board
- Eastern Carolina Council of Governments

UNC System College Enrollment



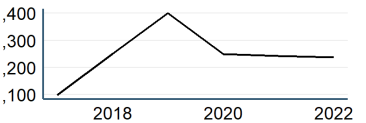
NC Community College Enrollment



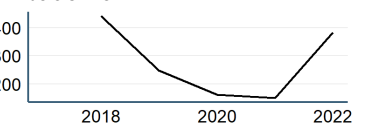
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Information Security Analysts	4%
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Web and Digital Interface Designers	3%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



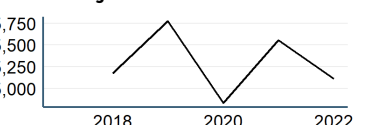
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Onslow County

Employer	Employment Range
Defense Ex Army Navy & Air Force	1000+
Onslow County Board of Education	1000+
Marine Corps Exchange Service	1000+

Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Jacksonville-New Bern Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 395 Basic Skills
- 6,666 Continuing Education
- 2,102 Curriculum

15% of Onslow County residents have **student loan debt**; 10% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Onslow County High School Graduates

- 77% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 56% 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

- 5,016 of all college-goers attended **Coastal Carolina CC**
- 535 of all college-goers attended **Cape Fear CC**
- 281 of all college-goers attended **Carteret CC**

- 54% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 436 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 67% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022
- 51% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022

57% of Onslow County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

How students in Onslow County traditional schools are doing:

- 32% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 837 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 7,526 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 7,474 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 91% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 76 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 26% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 4,435 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Onslow County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 485:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2023

2% of students **drop out of high school** (126 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

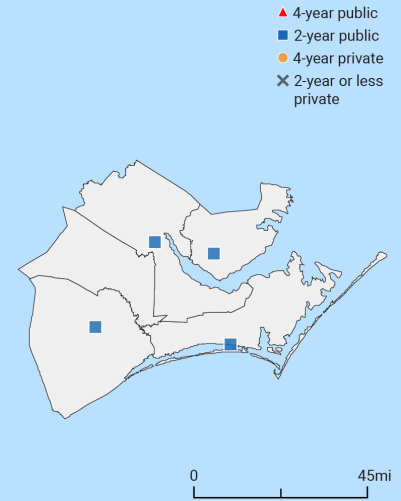
1,614 certificate | 1,560 associate | 23 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone sub-region

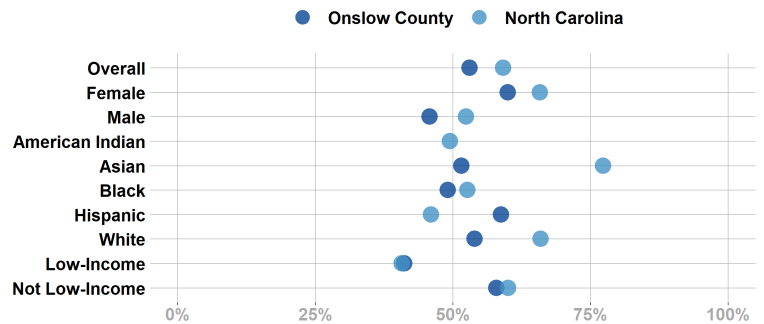
Public, 4-year or above
Public, 2-year

Carteret Community College, Coastal Carolina Community College, Craven Community College, Pamlico Community College

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Onslow County, 2022

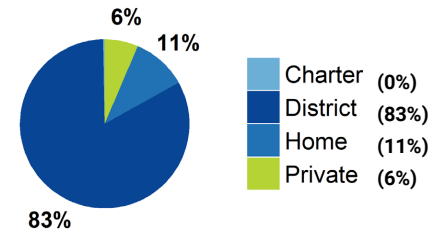


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

33,127 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Onslow 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 Onslow County completed **5,925 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (1,499 (25%) were industry-valued credentials) and 1,447 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.

879 high school students took at least one **AP test (11%)** versus 15% in peer counties (2023).

492 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (27%)** versus 39% in peer counties (2023).

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

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