Onslow County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Onslow County Attainment Goal: 29,424 (59%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 177,772
2020 Census: 204,576
Change: 26,804

Growth Rate
15.1% vs. 9.5% State

Educational Attainment
Onslow County residents ages 25-44, 2020

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Growth Rate
$52,885 Median Household Income (2020)
16.2% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
92% Households with Broadband (2020)
54% Home Owners (2020)
59% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
5.1% Unemployment Rate (2021)

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
35% of Onslow County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the suburban county average of 45%.

School Counselors
Onslow County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 478:1, above the suburban county average of 336:1.

Adult Learners
25% of Onslow County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the suburban county average of 17%.

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

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
1.2% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment
-5.6% 2021 vs. 2020

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

- 890 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 35%). 2022
- 5,884 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 27%). 2022
- 7,485 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 28%). 2022
- 104 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 89%). 2021
- 3,703 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 25%). 2021

Onslow County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 478:1 versus 336:1 in peer counties. 2021

Career and College Preparation
1,091 high school students took at least one AP course (16%) versus 15% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Onslow County completed 1,064 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Health Science; and Architecture and Construction.

54% of Onslow County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 49% in peer counties.

Data Disruptions
- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Onslow County, 2021

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Success of Onslow County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 34% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 15% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 50% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 87% of college-goers attended an in-state college
- 76% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 77% in peer counties. 2021
- 54% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Onslow County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 150 Basic Skills
- 2,641 Continuing Education
- 4,074 Curriculum
- 15% of Onslow County residents have student loan debt; 11% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
- 54.7% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (all levels)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)
- Finance (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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 11,622 in Basic Services
- 5,489 in Career Services
- 674 in Education Services
- 10.6% of young adults ages 16-24 in Onslow County were not working and not in school versus 11.2% in peer counties. 2019

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

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