Onslow County

*myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles*

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

- **Population Spotlight**
  - 2020 Census: 204,585
  - 2022 Estimate: 207,298
  - Change: 2,713

- **Growth Rate**
  - 1.3% vs. 2.5%

- **Median Household Income**
  - 2022: $62,190
  - State: $67,516

- **Home Owners**
  - 2022: 59%
  - State: 67%

- **Child Poverty Rate**
  - 2022: 16.9%
  - State: 17.2%

- **Opportunity Youth Rate**
  - 2022: 14.3%
  - State: 10.9%

- **Unemployment Rate**
  - 2022: 4.3%
  - State: 3.7%

- **2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million**

### Educational Attainment

Onslow County residents ages 25-44, 2022

- **No Degree**
  - 31,567
  - 54.0%

- **Have Degree or Credential**
  - 26,855
  - 46.0%

- **Less than high school**
  - 5%

- **High school graduate (including GED)**
  - 27%

- **Some college, no credential**
  - 22%

- **Short-term credential**
  - 8%

- **Associate degree**
  - 11%

- **Bachelor's degree**
  - 21%

- **Graduate or professional degree**
  - 7%

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%.
  - 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

### 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.

- **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

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<tr>
<th>Curriculum</th>
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### NC Community College Enrollment

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

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<th>Job Title</th>
<th>Annual Growth</th>
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<td>Information Security Analysts</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Nurse Practitioners</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Web and Digital Interface Designers</td>
<td>3%</td>
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### Top 3 Employers in Onslow County

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<th>Employer</th>
<th>Employment Range</th>
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<td>Defense Ex Army Navy &amp; Air Force</td>
<td>1000+</td>
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<td>Onslow County Board Of Education</td>
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<td>Marine Corps Exchange Service</td>
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### First-time Curriculum Enrollments

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### Basic Skills

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<th>2018</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2022</th>
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### Continuing Education

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Adult Learners

Onslow County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

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<td>384</td>
<td>5,110</td>
<td>4,026</td>
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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

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Onslow County, 2022

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<tr>
<th>Overall</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>American Indian</th>
<th>Asian</th>
<th>Black</th>
<th>Hispanic</th>
<th>White</th>
<th>Low-Income</th>
<th>Not Low-Income</th>
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<td>83%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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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.

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