Onslow County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

Population Spotlight

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<th>2020 Census: 204,585</th>
<th>2022 Estimate: 207,298</th>
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Growth Rate

- County: 1.3%
- State: 2.5%

Economic Indicators

| 2022 Median Household Income (2022) State: $67,516 |
| 59% Home Owners (2022) State: 67% |
| 16.9% Child Poverty Rate (2022) State: 17.2% |
| 9.4% Opportunity Youth Rate (2021) State: 12.1% |
| 80% Households with Broadband (2022) State: 77% |
| 4.3% Unemployment Rate (2022) State: 3.7% |

Educational Attainment

- Onslow County residents ages 25-44, 2022
- No Degree: 31,567 (54.0%)
- Have Degree or Credential: 26,855 (46.0%)

Top Opportunities for Growth

- 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%.
- School Counselors: Onslow County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 485:1, above the suburban county average of 327:1.
- Math Performance: 28% of Onslow County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the suburban county average of 36%.

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:

- 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

- 2030 Proposed Onslow County Attainment Goal: 29,424 (Stretch Goal: 29,780)
- 2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

- UNC System College Enrollment Curricula
- NC Community College Enrollment Curricula
- Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
- Top 3 Employers in Onslow County

Documents and links related to the enrollment and educational attainment in Onslow County.
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Adult Learners
Onslow County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 384 Basic Skills
- 5,110 Continuing Education
- 4,026 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

Postsecondary assets in Jacksonville-New Bern Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above
- 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

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