Pamlico County

**2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal:** 2 million (67%)

**2030 Proposed Pamlico County Attainment Goal:** 1,377 (44%)

Population Spotlight

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Growth Rate

-6.6% vs. 9.5%

**$50,481 Median Household Income (2020):**

22.9% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
82% Households with Broadband (2020)
77% Home Owners (2020)
73% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
4.3% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment

Pamlico County residents ages 25-44, 2020

- **No Degree:** 64.3% (1,609)
- **Have Degree or Credential:** 35.7% (895)

Top Opportunities for Growth

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

Postsecondary Completion

34% of Pamlico County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

Chronic Absenteeism

52% of Pamlico County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural metro county average of 29%.

School Counselors

Pamlico County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 1,143:1, above the rural metro county average of 362:1.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline

Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

- **K-12 Enrollment (district schools):** -6.1% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
- **Postsecondary Enrollment:** -17.8% 2021 vs. 2020
- **FAFSA Completion:** -1.8% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
- **Postsecondary Intentions:** 1.8% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

How students in Pamlico County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Pamlico County needs:

- Pamlico County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 123%). 2022
- 248 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 26%). 2022
- 315 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 26%). 2022
- 4 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 92%). 2021
- 467 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 52%). 2021
- Pamlico County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 1,143:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021
- 62% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (21 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%). [https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/](https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/)
- 74% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 45% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021
- 52% of Pamlico County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

School Choice

1,885 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Pamlico County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation

46 high school students took at least one AP course (11%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Pamlico County completed 41 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Health Science; and Human Services.

**Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Pamlico County, 2021**

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Pamlico County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Pamlico County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 30% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 7% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 61% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- ~5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 67% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 34% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Pamlico County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 39 Basic Skills
- 255 Continuing Education
- 266 Curriculum

- 8% of Pamlico County residents have student loan debt; 7% 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

- 13.7% of young adults ages 16-24 in Pamlico County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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 Pamlico County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Pamlico

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