

Washington County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

2030 Proposed Washington County Attainment Goal: 1,124 (Stretch Goal: 1,150)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 11,001
2022 Estimate: 10,828
Change: -173

Growth Rate

-1.6% vs. 2.5%
County State



\$46,072
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



69%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



27.7%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



18.6%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



46%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



5.1%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Washington 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
1,437
69.3%

Have Degree or Credential
638
30.7%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Chronic Absenteeism

43% of Washington County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - non-metro county average of 29%.



Adult Learners

28% of Washington County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.



High School Graduation

74% of Washington County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - non-metro county average of 85%.

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 Washington County has been meeting local needs:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.2%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Business Management & Administration bachelor's



13 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

632 graduates in 2020

62% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

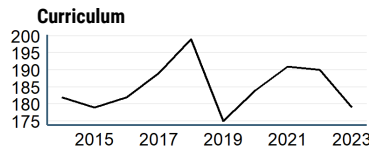


40% of adults (ages 25-44) in Washington County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

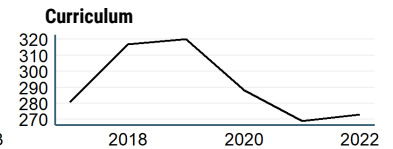
Washington County is served by:

Northeastern Workforce Development Board
Albemarle Commission

UNC System College Enrollment



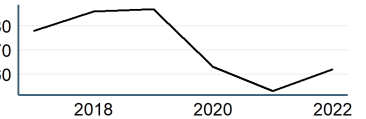
NC Community College Enrollment



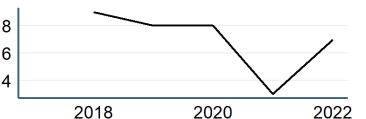
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Medical and Health Services Managers	3%
Logisticians	2%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



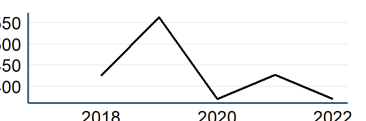
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Washington County

Employer	Employment Range
Domtar Paper Company Llc	250-499
Washington County Bd Of Education	250-499
County Of Washington	100-249

Continuing Education



POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Adult Learners

Washington County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 17 Basic Skills
- 370 Continuing Education
- 273 Curriculum

14% of Washington County residents have student loan debt, 15% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Washington County High School Graduates

- 74% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 49% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 240 of all college-goers attended Beaufort County CC
- 101 of all college-goers attended Martin CC
- 48 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

- 72% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 5 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 48% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
- 49% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022

46% of Washington County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

ACADEMIC READINESS

How students in Washington County traditional schools are doing:

- Washington County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 327 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 20% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 303 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 74% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 16 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 43% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 362 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Washington County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 343:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023

0% of students drop out of high school (1 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

274 certificate | 349 associate | 331 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above
Elizabeth City State University

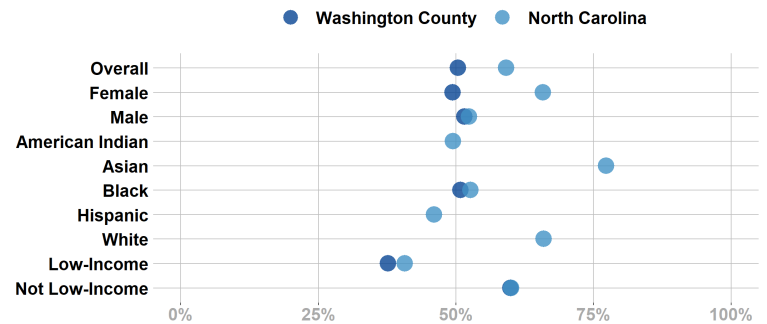
Public, 2-year
College of the Albemarle

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Mid-Atlantic Christian University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



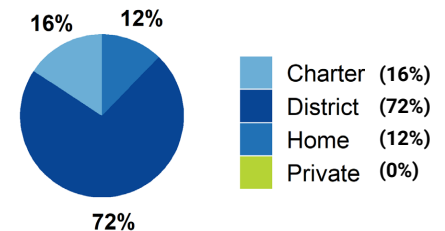
Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Washington County, 2022



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

School Choice

1,442 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Washington 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 Washington County completed 471 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (104 (22%) were industry-valued credentials) and 94 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Business Management & Administration; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

Less than 10 high school students took at least one AP test (NA) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).

29 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (44%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).

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

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