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Education 2023

DATA COMPILATION

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**Beaufort County
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Education Data Report

Introduction

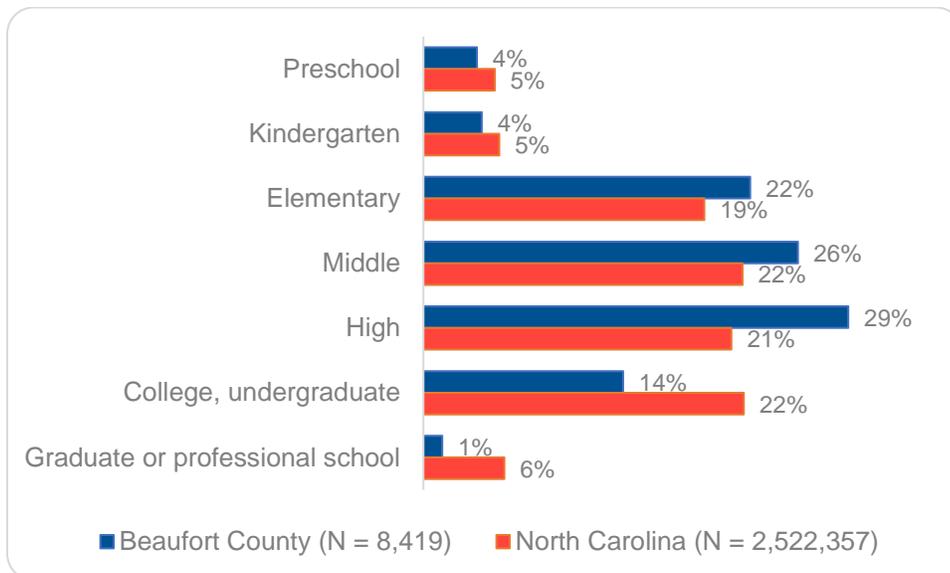
Education and early childcare form the bedrock of personal and community development, laying the foundation for lifelong learning, well-being, and socio-economic progress. In Beaufort County, it's imperative to comprehend the current landscape of our education system and the state of early childcare to address disparities, enhance opportunities, and nurture the potential of our youngest residents. This section provides a comprehensive examination of the education and early childcare data, spotlighting both areas of success and those that necessitate focused intervention. By understanding these metrics, we position ourselves to make informed decisions that can shape brighter futures for our children and the community at large.

Distribution of Educational Enrollment

About 19% of Beaufort County residents are receiving some kind of education, including pre-school up through college and professional schools. This compares with about 25% of North Carolina.

Figure 1

2021 Distribution of Education Enrollment Levels in Beaufort County vs. North Carolina



Source: <https://data.census.gov/table?q=school+beaufort+nc&tid=ACSST5Y2021.S1401>

Early Care and Learning Programs June 2023

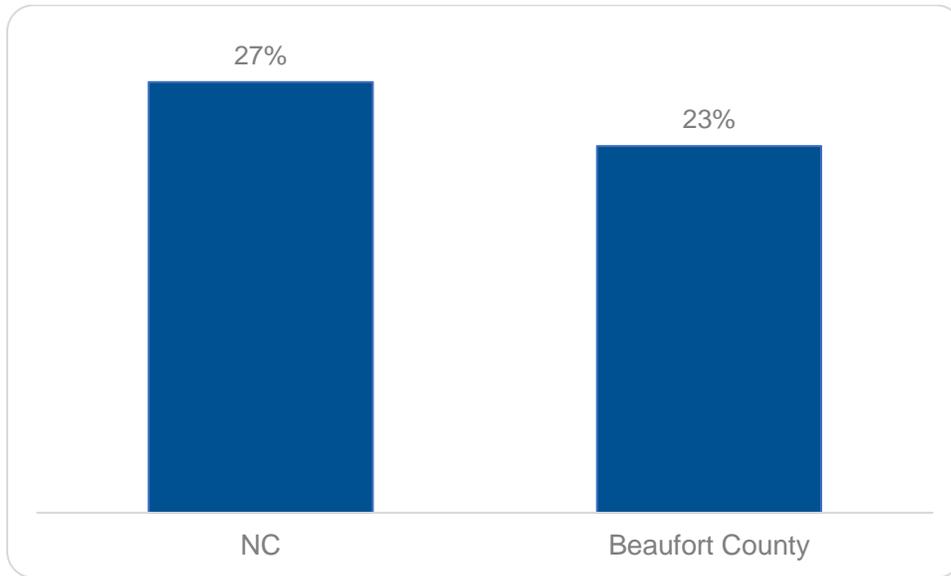
Available Childcare Vs. Needed Childcare

From: 2021-2022 North Carolina Infant-Toddler Child Care Landscape Study

In Beaufort County, as well as North Carolina, there is a shortage of spaces available for infants and toddlers compared to need.

Figure 2

Percentage of Childcare Need That is Met for Infants and Toddlers (Ages 0-2) of Working Parents



Source: https://nearlyeducationcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/aFINAL-WEB_CCSA-2022-Infant-Toddler-Landscape-Statewide-Study-May.pdf

Percentage of 4- and 5-Star Rated Early Care and Learning Facilities in Beaufort and North Carolina

The percentage of 4 and 5-Star Rated Early Care and Learning Centers in Beaufort County is slightly less than the state (65% vs. 67%). All licensed early care and learning programs, except for those that are faith-based or newly licensed, have a star-rated license.

Of the *infants and toddlers* in licensed childcare, 24% of them are in 4-star facilities, and 71% are in 5-star. This compares with 22% in 4-star and 44% in 5-star for North Carolina.

95% of the childcare facilities for infants and toddlers are 4- or 5- star rated, but overall, 65% are 4- or 5- star rated. (i.e., childcare for the youngest children is better than for the ages 3-5.)

Figure 3

Percentage of Beaufort County Infants and Toddlers (Ages 0 up to 2) In Licensed Childcare, Who Are in High Quality Care (4- or 5-Star)

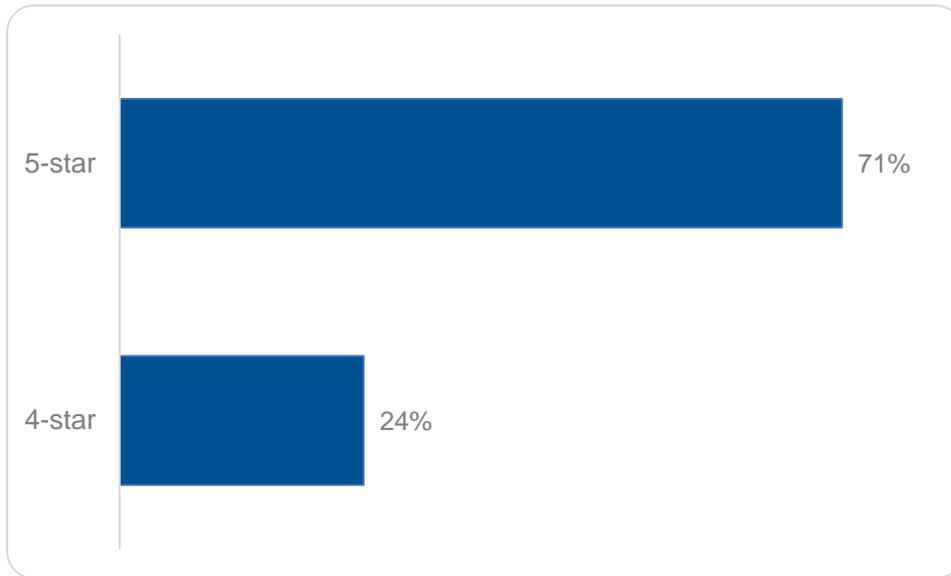
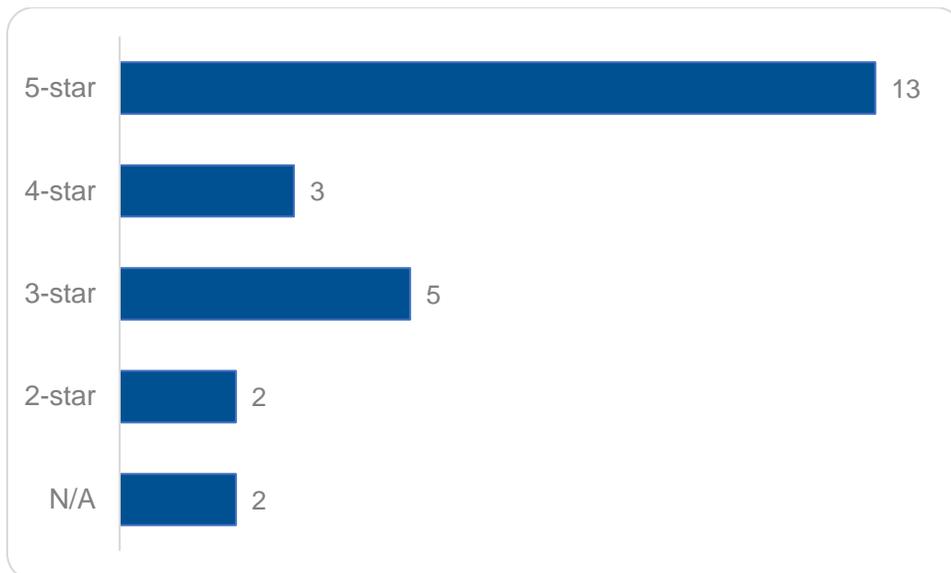


Figure 4

2023 Number of Childcare Facilities, by Star-Rating

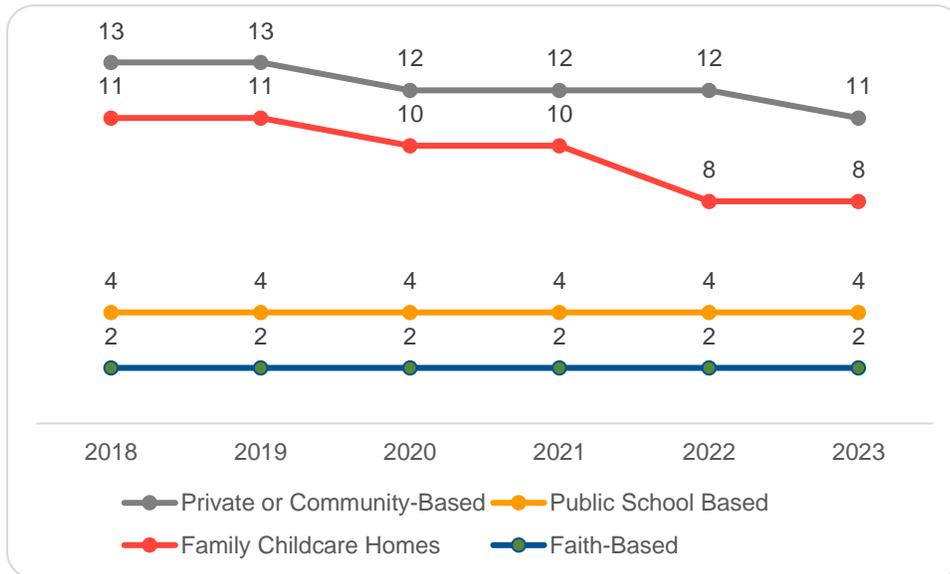


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There has been a 12.5% decline in the number of childcare facilities from 2018 to 2023. Although the percentage of young children has also declined, the need for childcare was not being met in the past and is not being met now.

Figure 5

Beaufort County Early Child Care Programs by Type, Over Time



As of June 2023, Beaufort County has 25 Early Childcare sites, with 1,120 children and 189 staff members.

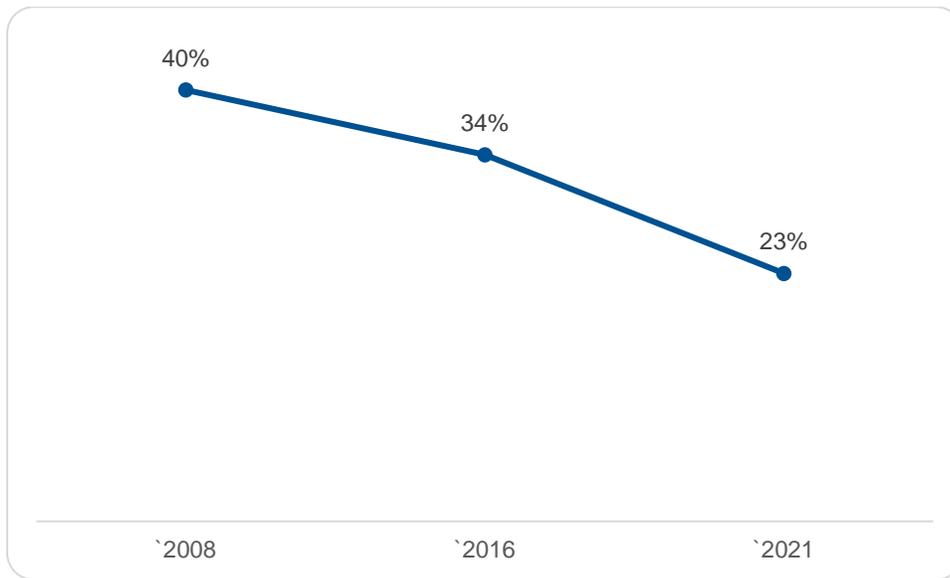
Source: <https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Home/Data/Dashboards/NC-Early-Care-and-Learning>

Subsidized Child Care Assistance

The Subsidized Child Care Assistance program, through state and federal funding, extends affordable childcare services to families that meet the eligibility criteria. The percentage of infants and toddlers (i.e., up to age 2) receiving subsidies for childcare in North Carolina has declined from 40% in 2008 to 34% in 2016 to 23% in 2021.

Figure 6

North Carolina Percentage of Infants and Toddlers Receiving Childcare Subsidies, Over Time



Source: https://nearlyeducationcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/aFINAL-WEB_CCSA-2022-Infant-Toddler-Landscape-Statewide-Study-May.pdf

Table 1

Beaufort County: Number of Child Facilities Over Time

Year	# of Childcare Facilities
2023	25
2022	27
2021	29
2020	28
2019	30
2018	33

https://dashboards.ncdhhs.gov/t/DCDEE/views/Data-behind-the-dashboards-v3/DatabehindtheDashboards?%3Adisplay_count=n&%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3AshowVizHome=n

There are 18 providers participating that scored above 3-stars in the star-rating system. As of June 2023, 16 are 4- or 5-star rated, down from 17 in 2022. Statewide, rural communities tend to be the least expensive with median infant care at \$611, median one year old care at \$606 and median two-year-old care at \$563.

Table 2

Monthly Subsidy Amount by Star Ratings and Age in Beaufort County

Category	One Star	Two Star	Three Star	Four Star	Five Star
Infant - Toddler Rates	\$437	\$445	\$685	\$731	\$807
2-Year-Old Rates	\$403	\$418	\$583	\$632	\$781
3 - 5-Year-Old Rates	\$379	\$386	\$633	\$672	\$743
School Age Rates	\$356	\$363	\$516	\$523	\$533

NC Pre-K (2021)

The NC Pre-K Program, specifically tailored for eligible four-year-olds, is aimed at providing superior educational experiences to augment their preparedness for school.

Table 3

NC Pre-K Programs for Four-Year Olds

Category	Beaufort County	North Carolina
Total Number of Sites	5	1,212
Total Classrooms	14	2,237
Children Served	Not available	23,236

Table 4

The Percentage of 4-Year Olds Who Are Eligible for NC Pre-K Program, who are Enrolled

Beaufort County 2016-2017	Beaufort County 2020-2021	North Carolina 2020-2021
48.4%	46.6%	51.2%

Beaufort County’s goal is to have 75% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in this program.

Source: <https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Home/Data/Dashboards/NC-Pre-K>

K-12 Education

Declining Enrollment in K-12

The number of students enrolled in Beaufort County K-12 schools has decreased from 8,068 in 2016 to 7,614 in 2020.

K-12 Enrollment

Table 5

K-12 School Enrollment (2016 vs 2021)

Category	Beaufort County 2016-2017	Beaufort County 2020-2021
Beaufort County Schools	83.9%	77.9%
Charter	4.9%	5.5%
Home	6.5%	10.0%
Private	4.7%	6.6%

Figure 7

K-12 School Enrollment 2016 in Beaufort County

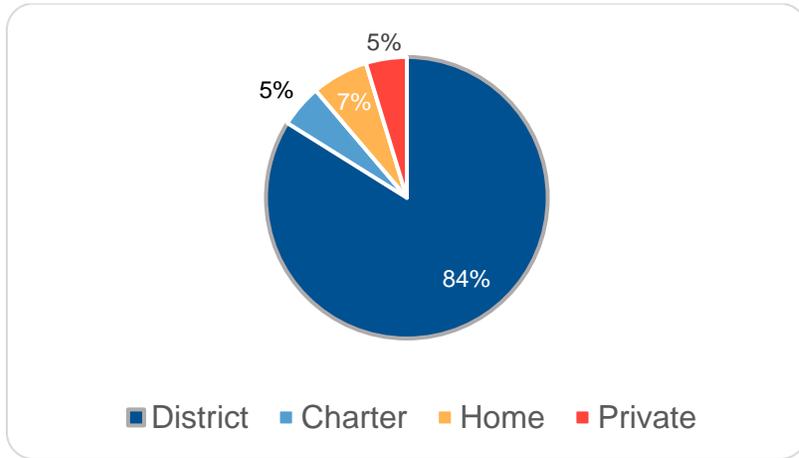
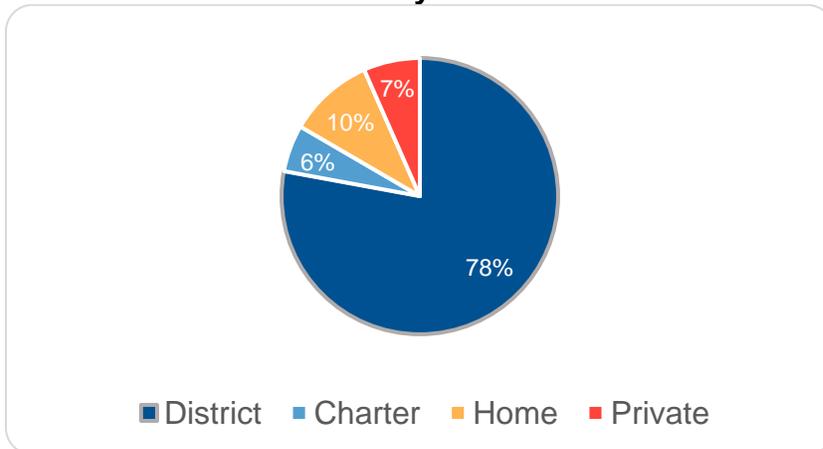


Figure 8

K-12 School Enrollment 2021 in Beaufort County



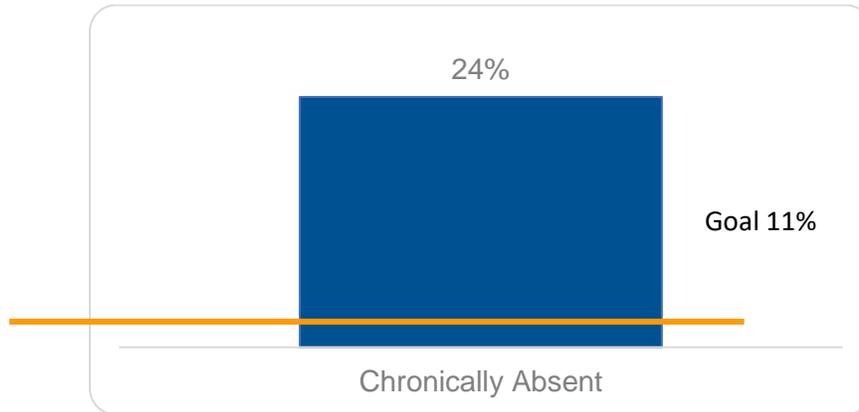
Source: <https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/>

Chronic Absenteeism

About 24% of Beaufort County students who attend Beaufort County Public Schools were chronically absent from school in 2021-2022. The goal is 11%. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more days of school in a 185-day school year, whether excused or unexcused, as absence for any reason negatively impacts learning. This does not include homebound students or those receiving regular educational services in an off-campus setting.

Figure 9

2022 Percentage of Chronically Absent Public School Students



Teenage Disengagement: School and Employment Status in Beaufort

The percentages of teens ages 16 – 19 who are not attending school and not working has held steady at about 25% since 2017.

<https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/9863-teens-age-16-to-19-not-attending-school-and-not-working?loc=35&loct=5#detailed/5/4916/false/2526,2517,2516,2515,2514,2513,2512,2511,2510,2509/any/19180>

2021-2022 Short Term Suspension Data

Short-term suspensions (STS) are often indicative of the challenges students face within our schools, both academically and behaviorally. This data gives us an insight into the prevalence of STS across various educational institutions in Beaufort. Short term suspension means suspension from school of 10 days or less.

Table 6

Short-Term Suspension Data

School	Final ADM	# of STS	Total STS Days	Days per STS	STS per 100 Students
Totals	5,739	1,531	5,752.37	3.76	26.68

Eastern Elementary	379	66	153.15	2.32	17.41
Bath Elementary	513	53	181.56	3.43	10.33
B C Ed Tech Center	47	65	238.47	3.67	138.30
Beaufort Co Early College High	268	5	*	*	1.87
Chocowinity Middle	362	167	838.57	5.02	46.13
Chocowinity Primary	452	146	273.71	1.87	32.30
John C Tayloe Elementary	437	91	249.94	2.75	20.82
John Small Elementary	471	41	146.18	3.57	8.70
Northeast Elementary	351	70	224.88	3.21	19.94
Northside High	346	61	284.21	4.66	17.63
P S Jones Middle	743	358	1,783.86	4.98	48.18
Southside High	399	54	263.21	4.87	13.53
S W Snowden Elementary	169	39	117.00	3.00	23.08
Washington High	802	315	975.63	3.10	39.28

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/tables9-short-term-suspension-stats-schools-2021-22>

Dropout Numbers

Table 7

Number of High School Dropouts in Beaufort County, 2017-2022

	Total	Female	Male	Asian	Black	Hispanic	American Indian	Two or More Races	Native Hawaiian/Pacific	White
2021-22	41	15	26	0	9	11	0	1	0	20
2020-21	53	18	35	<10	13	8	<10	1	0	28
2019-20	32	10	22	0	7	6	<10	3	0	14
2018-19	60	21	39	0	21	8	0	1	0	30
2017-18	75	20	55	<10	26	14	<10	<10	<10	32

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/dropout-and-discipline-data/discipline-alp-and-dropout-annual-reports>

Beaufort County Annual Dropout Rate, 2017-18 through 2021-22

	#	Rate BCS	Rate NC
2021-22	41	2.10	2.25
2020-21	53	2.68	1.94
2019-20	32	1.58	1.53

2018-19	60	2.83	2.01
2017-18	75	3.33	2.18

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/dropout-and-discipline-data/discipline-alp-and-dropout-annual-reports>

Beaufort County 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate, 2017-18 through 2021-22

This rate indicates the percentage of 9th graders who graduate “on-time,” 4 years later (8 semesters). Students who drop out, as well as those who graduate in more than 8 semesters, are not included in this rate.

	BCS	NC
2022-23	85.1	86.5
2021-22	81.5	86.4
2020-21	86.4	87.0
2019-20	88.5	87.6
2018-19	83.2	86.5
2017-18	82.9	86.3

https://bi.nc.gov/t/DPIAccountabilityandTesting/views/CohortGraduationRate_StateLevel/State?%3Aorigin=card_share_link&%3Aembed=y

Career and College Readiness

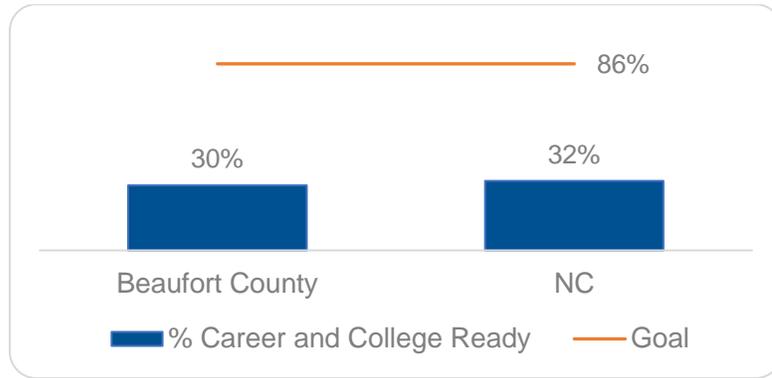
Table 8

Beaufort County Percentages at College and Career Readiness Levels (2016 vs. 2022) Grades 3 - 8

Subject	Beaufort County 2016-2017	Beaufort County 2021-2022	NC 2021-2022
Math	43%	30%	32%
Reading	42%	23%	29%

Figure 10

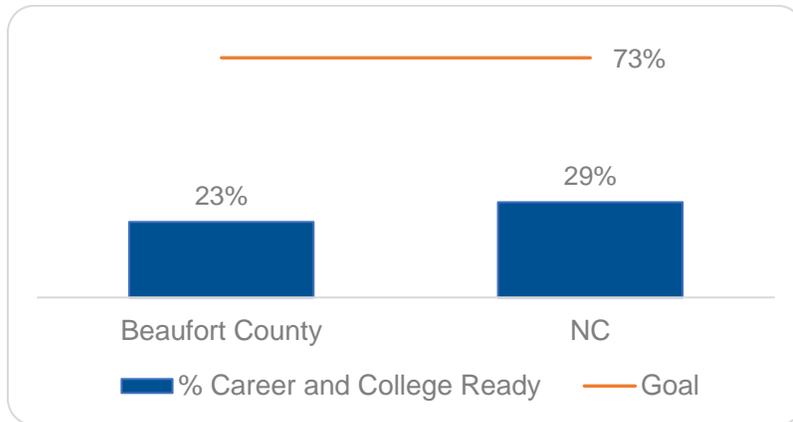
Percentages of Grades 3 – 8 Students Who Scored College and Career Ready in Math (2021-2022)



<https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/district?district=070LEA&year=2022>

Figure 11

Percentages of Grades 3 – 8 Students Who Scored College and Career Ready in Reading (2021-2022)



Post-Secondary Intentions and Readiness

About 64% of the Beaufort County Schools students participate in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

Table 9

Beaufort County Schools 2022 ACT Results: Percentage of Students Meeting Benchmarks on Composite or Subtests

Category	Beaufort County 2021-2022	NC 2021-2022
ACT composite score of 19 or higher	34%	42%
ACT English subtest	29%	39%
ACT Math subtest	19%	24%
ACT Reading subtest	25%	34%

ACT Science subtest	19%	25%
All ACT subtest benchmarks (sum of benchmarks met)	23%	30.4%
Met all 4 ACT subtest benchmarks	11%	15.8%

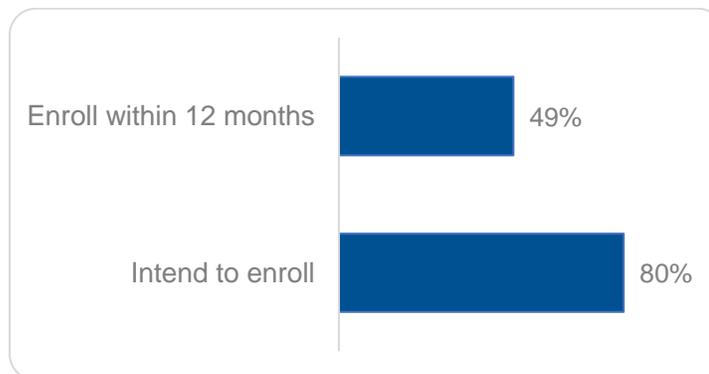
Table 10

High School Post-Secondary Readiness Data

Category	Beaufort County 2016-2017	Beaufort County 2021-2022	NC 2021-2022
High School 4-Year Graduation (goal is 95%)	80.6%	86.4%	87.8%
ACT (17 or higher)	51.5%	45.5%	54.6%
FAFSA Completion Rate (as of Aug 31) (goal is 80%)	n/a	56.6	56.3%

Figure 12

High School Students Reported Intentions and Actual Enrollment in Post-Secondary Education in 2022

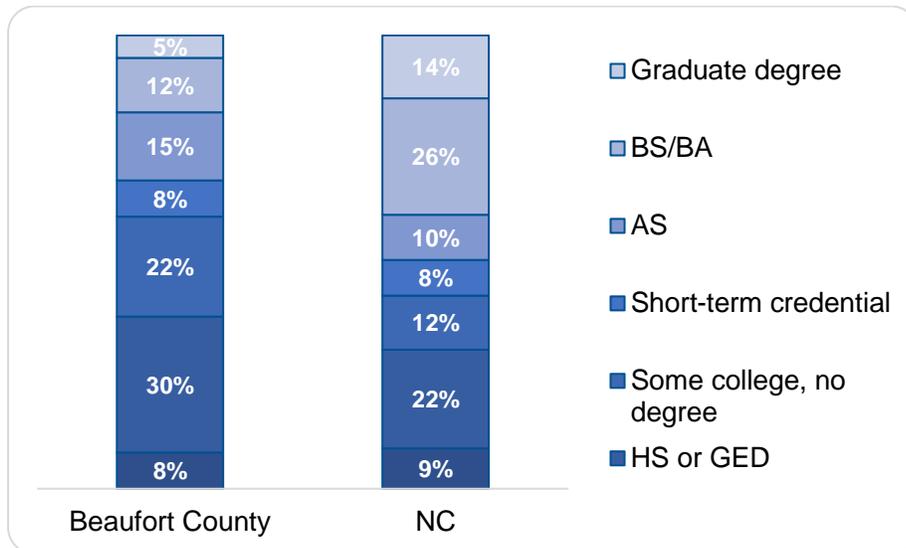


Source: <https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/>

Highest Educational Attainment

Figure 13

Highest Educational Attainment of Residents Ages 25-44 in 2020



Sources: https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/wp-content/uploads/county-profiles/Beaufort_County.pdf
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/wp-content/uploads/county-profiles/North_Carolina.pdf

Beaufort COUNTY

2023 NC DATA CARD

NORTH CAROLINA

Child population: 2,850,460
 Percent under age six: 24%
 Number of live births: 120,501

BEAUFORT

Child population: 10834
 Percent under age six: 23%
 Number of live births: 456



**A STRONG
START**

**Women who receive
early prenatal care:**

73.9%
2021

75.9% 2020

**Babies born at
a low birthweight:**

10.7%
2021

13.1% 2020

**Babies born
pre-term:**

12%
2021

12.9% 2020



**FAMILY
ECONOMIC
SECURITY**

**Children living in
poor or low-income homes:**

49.2%
2021

50.9% 2016-2020

**Children in households
that are food insecure:**

19.9%
2021

23.5% 2019

**Median family
income:**

\$51,894
2021

\$48,051 2016-2020



**NURTURING
HOMES &
COMMUNITIES**

**Delinquency rate per
1,000 youth ages 6-15:**

42.3
2021

22.3 2020

**Children assessed for
abuse or neglect per 1,000:**

68.1
2021

63.9 2020

**Teen births per
1,000 girls ages 15-17:**

-
2021

- 2020



**HIGH-QUALITY
EDUCATION**

**3rd grade students
scoring proficient in reading:**

45.0%
2021-2022

47.9% 2020-2021

**High school students
graduating on time*:**

81.5%
2021-2022

86.4 2020 - 2021

**Residents with bachelor's
degree or higher:**

20.4%
2021

19.3% 2020



**HEALTH &
WELLNESS**

**Children without
health insurance:**

5.1%
2021

5.6% 2020

**Infant mortality per
1,000 live births:**

10
2021

- 2020

NC Pathways to
Grade-Level Reading
Measures of Success.
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*Percentage is not reported if it is greater than 95% or less than 5%

For complete data notes and sources, visit ncchild.org
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Beaufort CONDADO

2023 NC TARJETA DE DATOS

CAROLINA DEL NORTE	BEAUFORT
Población infantil: 2,850,460	Población infantil:
Porcentaje de niños menores de seis años: 24%	Porcentaje de niños menores de seis años: 10834
Número de niños nacidos vivos: 120,501	Número de niños nacidos vivos: 456

 <p>UN BUEN COMIENZO</p>	<p><i>Mujeres que reciben atención prenatal temprana:</i></p> <p>73.9% 2021</p> <p>75.9% 2020 </p>	<p><i>Bebés nacidos con bajo peso:</i></p> <p>10.7% 2021</p> <p>13.1% 2020 </p>	<p><i>Bebés prematuros:</i></p> <p>12% 2021</p> <p>12.9% 2020</p>
 <p>SEGURIDAD ECONÓMICA FAMILIAR</p>	<p><i>Niños que viven en hogares pobres o de bajos ingresos:</i></p> <p>49.2% 2021</p> <p>50.9% 2016-2020 </p>	<p><i>Niños en hogares sin seguridad alimentaria:</i></p> <p>19.9% 2021</p> <p>23.5% 2019 </p>	<p><i>Mediana del nivel de ingresos familiar:</i></p> <p>\$51,894 2021</p> <p>\$48,051 2016-2020</p>
 <p>APOYO DE LOS HOGARES Y COMUNIDADES</p>	<p><i>Tasa de delincuencia por cada 1.000 menores entre 6 y 17 años:</i></p> <p>42.3 2021</p> <p>22.3 2020</p>	<p><i>Niños evaluados por maltrato o negligencia por cada 1,000:</i></p> <p>68.1 2021</p> <p>63.9 2020 </p>	<p><i>Partos de adolescentes entre 15 y 17 años por cada 1,000 jóvenes:</i></p> <p>- 2021</p> <p>- 2020 </p>
 <p>EDUCACIÓN DE ALTA CALIDAD</p>	<p><i>Estudiantes de 3er grado que alcanzan un nivel de competencia en lectura:</i></p> <p>45.0% 2021-2022</p> <p>47.9% 2020-2021 </p>	<p><i>Estudiantes de secundaria que se gradúan a tiempo*:</i></p> <p>81.5% 2021-2022</p> <p>86.4 2020 - 2021</p>	<p><i>Habitantes con una licenciatura o título de educación superior:</i></p> <p>20.4% 2021</p> <p>19.3% 2020</p>
 <p>SALUD Y BIENESTAR</p>	<p><i>Niños sin seguro médico:</i></p> <p>5.1% 2021</p> <p>5.6% 2020 </p>	<p><i>Mortalidad infantil por cada 1,000 niños nacidos vivos:</i></p> <p>10 2021</p> <p>- 2020</p>	<p>Criterios de éxito de NC Pathways para alcanzar un nivel de lectura correspondiente con su grado. Más información: buildthefoundation.org/pathways</p> 

*El porcentaje no se reporta si es superior al 95% o inferior al 5%

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