



Beaufort County Economic Development Report May 2018

Apprenticeship Program Collaboration between ApprenticeshipNC & the Beaufort County Community College

The shared mission of ApprenticeshipNC and the Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) is to ensure Beaufort County has an innovative, relevant, effective and efficient workforce development system that develops adaptable, work-ready, skilled talent to meet the current and future needs of workers and businesses to achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

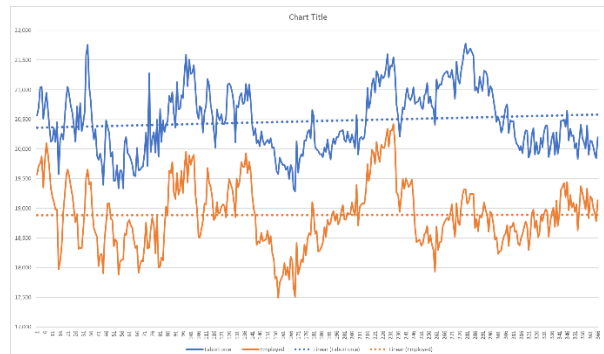
There are many types of apprenticeship programs of various duration, level of required technical education and level of employer investment. Depending on their design, these programs may be more attractive to specific demographics, including an employer's existing workforce, veterans, high school or college students.

Businesses of all sizes ranging from family-owned to multinational corporations, are investing in apprenticeship programs. An important consideration when planning an apprenticeship program is that apprenticeships require veteran workers to mentor novice apprentices. In addition, an apprenticeship program requires investment; the training and education of a single apprentice can cost upwards of \$100,000. ApprenticeshipNC and the BCCC can help lower costs and increase an employer's return on investment using state grants and governmental codes.

The duration of an apprenticeship program is tied to the technical level of the duties, but all apprenticeships will see a return on investment to the employer and the employee.

The initial step for employers looking to start an apprenticeship program is to contact Stacy Gerard, Beaufort County Community College (252-940-6241) & Danny Boykin, Apprenticeship NC Regional Specialist (910-512-9989).

Workforce & Employment 02/1990 to 02/2018



April 2018 Project Requests

Industry	Building/Site	Jobs	Investment
Food Packaging Products	Building	300	TBD
Fiber-based materials	Building	100	\$66,000,000
Battery Recycling	Building	300	\$50,000,000
Plastic	Building	TBD	TBD
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Unadjusted Labor Force Statistics

USA '000	02/17	02/18	Δ
Labor Force	159,482	161,494	1.26%
Employed	151,594	154,403	1.85%
Unemployed	7,887	7,091	-10.09%
Unemp. Rate	4.90%	4.40%	-10.20%
NC '000	02/17	02/18	Δ
Labor Force	4,904	4,977	1.49%
Employed	4,659	4,750	1.95%
Unemployed	245	227	-7.35%
Unemp. Rate	5.00%	4.60%	-8.00%
GWCSA	02/17	02/18	Δ
Labor Force	109,269	110,136	0.79%
Employed	103,516	104,701	1.14%
Unemployed	5,723	5,435	-5.03%
Unemp. Rate	5.30%	4.90%	-7.55%
Beaufort County	02/17	02/18	Δ
Labor Force	20,155	20,201	0.23%
Employed	18,996	19,135	0.73%
Unemployed	1,159	1,066	-8.02%
Unemp. Rate	5.80%	5.30%	-8.62%