



Beaufort County Economic Development Report June 2018

Broadband Infrastructure Office (BIO) & 21st Century Technology Infrastructure

Broadband is another term for bandwidth, or the amount of data that can be sent through a connection to access high-speed Internet. The more bandwidth, the more information a user can send or receive at any given time. Broadband is an integral part of building a 21st century technology infrastructure that supports students, educators, first responders, communities and businesses.

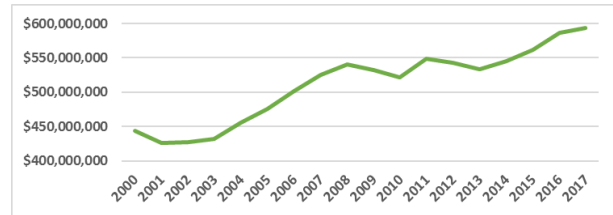
Every K – 12 school in the state has high-speed internet access and 98% are served by dedicated fiber. Today, North Carolina is adapting to the changing demands of technology by extending Wi-Fi access to classrooms to support digital learning. To complete the recommendations of the North Carolina Digital Learning Plan, BIO is developing a plan to provide internet access to all underserved homes to facilitate student access beyond the schoolhouse.

Eric Boyette, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (DIT) and State Chief Information Officer, this year launched the Community Broadband Playbook.

The Community Broadband Playbook, developed in NC DIT's BIO, provides communities with functional tools including templates, examples, ideas and many more resources that communities can use to build a broadband strategy that addresses their needs.

The Community Broadband Playbook works in unison with the BIO's technical assistance team, which operates as an on-the-ground resource for helping communities build strategies that work for their specific needs, along with the more than 100 NC Internet Service Providers including world communications leaders such as Google Fiber, AT&T, Frontier, Time Warner, & Century Link.

Beaufort County Total Wages 2000 to 2017



May 2018 Project Requests

Industry	Building/Site	Jobs	Investment	Source
Biopharmaceutical	Building	350	\$150,000,000	NCEA
Pastry	Building	280	\$91,000,000	Duke
Non-Woven Textiles	Building	240	\$20,000,000	EDPNC
Manufacturing	Building	40	\$5,000,000	EDPNC
Distribution Center	Building	TBD	TBD	EDPNC
Packaging	Building	2	\$200,000	NCEA
Metal Fabrication	Building	12	\$500,000	NCEA

Unadjusted Labor Force Statistics

USA '000	04/17	04/18	Δ
Labor Force	159,817	161,280	0.92%
Employed	153,262	155,348	1.36%
Unemployed	6,555	5,932	-9.50%
Unemp. Rate	4.10%	3.70%	-9.76%
NC '000	04/17	04/18	Δ
Labor Force	4,925	4,985	1.22%
Employed	4,722	4,800	1.65%
Unemployed	203	185	-8.87%
Unemp. Rate	4.10%	3.70%	-9.76%
GWCSA	04/17	04/18	Δ
Labor Force	109,385	109,743	0.33%
Employed	104,519	105,249	0.70%
Unemployed	4,866	4,494	-7.64%
Unemp. Rate	4.40%	4.10%	-6.82%
Beaufort County	04/17	04/18	Δ
Labor Force	20,183	19,962	-1.09%
Employed	19,253	19,106	-0.76%
Unemployed	930	856	-7.96%
Unemp. Rate	4.60%	4.30%	-6.52%