

Transylvania County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



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

2030 Proposed Transylvania County Attainment Goal: 3,627 (Stretch Goal: 3,691)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 32,986
2022 Estimate: 33,355
Change: 369

Growth Rate

1.1% County vs. 2.5% State



\$62,173
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



76%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



19.8%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



11.1%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



72%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.4%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

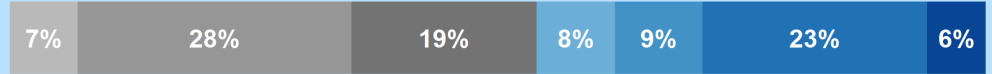
Educational Attainment

Transylvania 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
3,544
54.1%

Have Degree or Credential
3,011
45.9%



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

Top Opportunities for Growth

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



Adult Learners

19% of Transylvania County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.



High School Graduation

84% of Transylvania County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - non-metro county average of 85%.



Transition to Postsecondary

55% of Transylvania County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the state average of 58%.

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 Transylvania County has been meeting local needs:

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Asheville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.1%

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

Top areas of misalignment:

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

636 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

3,023 graduates in 2020

69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$35,824 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

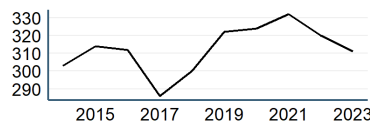
39% of adults (ages 25-44) in Transylvania County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Transylvania County is served by:

Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
Land-of-Sky Regional Council

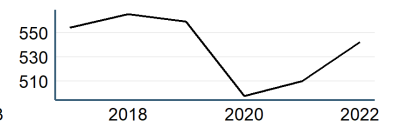
UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



NC Community College Enrollment

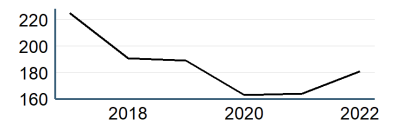
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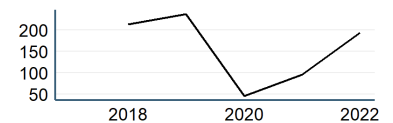
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Asheville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5%
Logisticians	4%
Physician Assistants	3%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



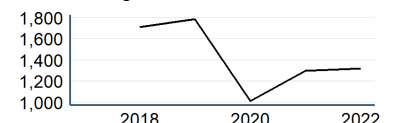
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Transylvania County

Employer	Employment Range
Transylvania County Schools	500-999
Transylvania County	250-499
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Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Asheville Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 733 Basic Skills
- 8,927 Continuing Education
- 2,725 Curriculum

9% of Transylvania County residents have **student loan debt**; 7% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Transylvania County High School Graduates

- 83% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 60% 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

- 1,156 of all college-goers attended **Blue Ridge CC**
- 116 of all college-goers attended **Asheville-Buncombe TCC**
- 52 of all college-goers attended **Brevard College**

71% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 20 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

70% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022

55% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022

54% of Transylvania County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

How students in Transylvania County traditional schools are doing:

Transylvania County has met the goal for **Pre-K enrollment**. (Goal: 75%). 2023

32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 770 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 732 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

84% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 27 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023

25% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 27% statewide; 485 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Transylvania County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 285:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023

3% of students **drop out of high school** (29 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

1,477 certificate | 1,310 associate | 1,451 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Asheville Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above

University of North Carolina at Asheville

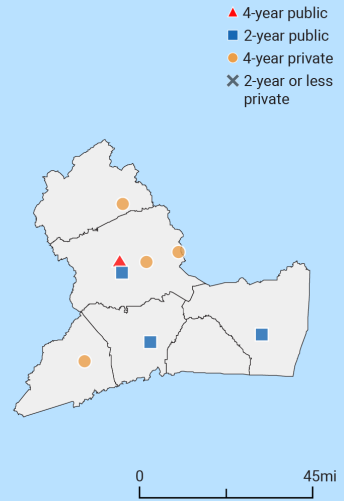
Public, 2-year

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Isothermal Community College

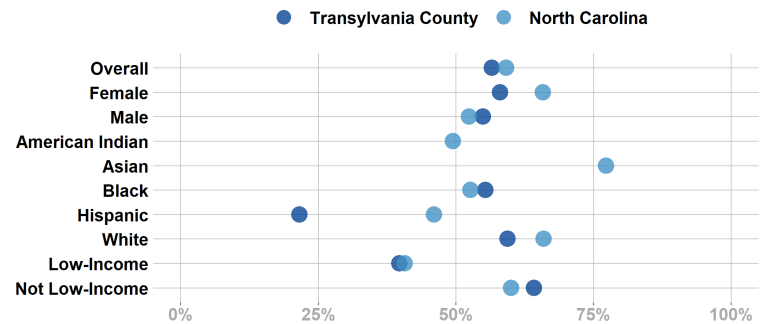
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Brevard College, Mars Hill University, Montreat College, Warren Wilson College

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Transylvania County, 2022

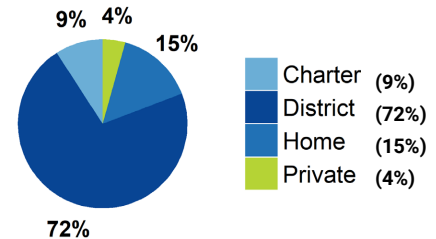


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

4,432 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Transylvania 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 Transylvania County completed **1,884 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (370 (20%) were industry-valued credentials) and 216 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Hospitality & Tourism.

136 high school students took at least one **AP test (13%)** versus 8% in peer counties (2023).

127 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (59%)** 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/