

# Allegheny County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro

## Educational Attainment

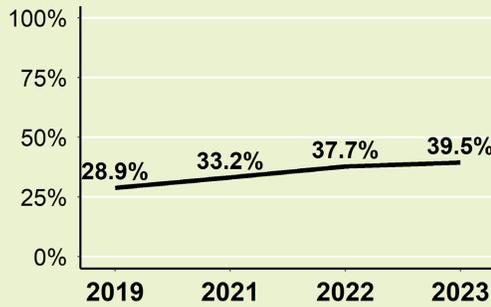
Allegheny County residents ages 25-44, 2023

**Have Degree or Credential**  
875  
39.5%

**No Degree**  
1,342  
60.5%

**Residents Ages 25-44**  
2,217

## Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

## Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

2030 Proposed Allegheny County Attainment Goal: 1,066 (Stretch Goal: 1,097)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 10,883  
2023 Estimate: 11,342  
Change: 459

## Growth Rate

4.2% County vs. 3.8% State

## Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.2%  
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0.8%  
Black 1.4%  
Hispanic 11.5%  
Multiracial 2.3%  
White 83.9%



\$46,571  
Median Household Income (2023)  
State: \$70,838



77.1%  
Home Owners (2023)  
State: 66.3%



72.9%  
Households with Broadband (2023)  
State: 77.1%



33.3%  
Child Poverty Rate (2023)  
State: 17.6%



10.0%  
Single Parent Households (2023)  
State: 17.0%



6.1%  
Foreign Born (2023)  
State: 9.2%

## Top Opportunities for Growth



## Labor Force Participation

74% of Allegheny County adults 25-44 are in the labor force, below the rural - non-metro county average of 78%.

## In Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

79.6%

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

## Top Misalignments

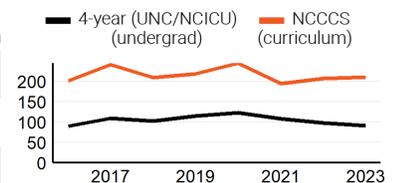
### Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Health Science Jobs > Creds
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs > Creds
- Education & Training Jobs < Creds

## Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	3.93%
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2.99%
Logisticians	2.98%

## Postsecondary Enrollment for Allegheny County Residents



1 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

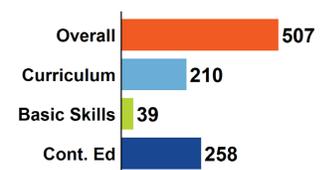
## UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

5,202 graduates in 2020  
68.7% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
\$44,421 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

## Top 3 Employers in Allegheny County

Employer	Employment Range
Allegheny County Board of Education	250-499
Roaring Gap Club Inc	100-249
Parkdale Mills Inc	100-249

## Allegheny County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



## Top 3 industries in Allegheny County

Industry	Jobs   Percent
Manufacturing	734   21.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	427   12.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	324   9.5%

## Allegheny County is served by:

- High Country Workforce Development Board
- High Country Council of Governments

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Postsecondary Completion

57% of Allegheny County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the state average of 60%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

923 certificate | 534 associate | 4,232 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Allegheny County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

- 31 Basic Skills
- 209 Continuing Education
- 37 Curriculum

13.1% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.9% | State: 11.7%, 2023



7.3% of Allegheny County residents have student loan debt, NA of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Allegheny County High School Graduates

90.0% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 79.6% | State: 83.8%, 2023

86.7% UNC | 88.9% NCCCS | NA NCICU

56.6% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 55.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

22.6% UNC | 11.3% NCCCS | 5.7% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 420 of all college-goers attended Wilkes CC
- 49 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 23 of all college-goers attended Appalachian State University

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

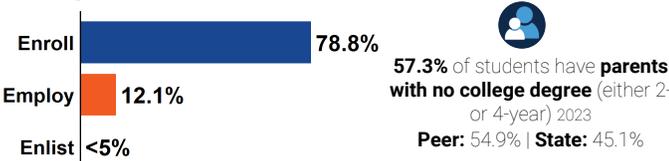


Postsecondary Enrollment

54% of Allegheny County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the state average of 59%.

66.3% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 13 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 54.0% | State: 55.0%

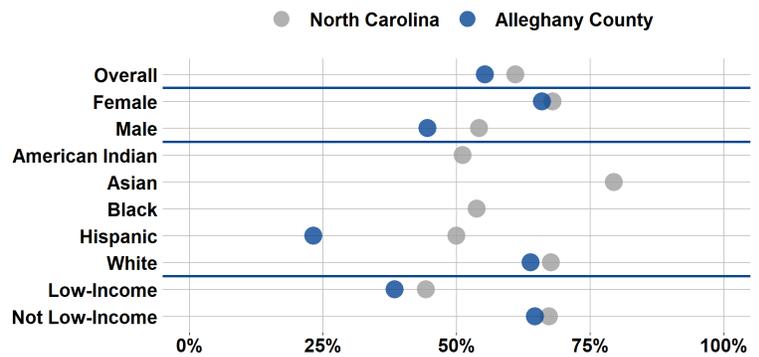
Post High School Graduation Intentions



94.4% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 1 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

53.6% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.6% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Allegheny County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



School Counselors

Allegheny County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 432:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 332:1.

Allegheny County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%) Peer: 71.0% | State: 57.2% 2024

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Allegheny County Traditional Public Schools students:

21.7% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 314 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 24.5% | State: 29.8%

28.4% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 352 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 30.3% | State: 36.5%

19.0% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 115 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.7% | State: 25.7%

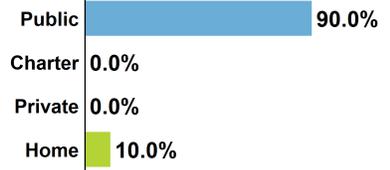
Allegheny County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 432:1 compared to 332:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.7% of students drop out of high school (3 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1  
Traditional Public School(s): 4  
Charter School(s): 0  
Private School(s): 0  
Home School(s): 81

1,459 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 1,057 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 146 concentrations. 223 (21.1%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

Less than 10 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

63 (59.4%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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

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