Alleghany County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Alleghany County Attainment Goal: 1,066 (Stretch Goal: 1,097)  
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 10,886  
2022 Estimate: 11,185  
Change: 299

Growth Rate
2.7%  
County  
vs.  
2.5%  
State

81%  
Home Owners  
(2022)  
State: 67%

34.5%  
Child Poverty Rate  
(2022)  
State: 17.2%

14.2%  
Opportunity Youth Rate  
(2021)  
State: 12.1%

70%  
Households with Broadband (2022)  
State: 77%

3.9%  
Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Alleghany County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree  
1,406  
62.3%

Have Degree or Credential  
852  
37.7%

Less than high school  
22%

High school graduate (including GED)  
26%

Some college, no credential  
14%

Short-term credential  
8%

Associate degree  
11%

Bachelor's degree  
13%

Graduate or professional degree  
7%

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

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Alleghany County to improve future attainment outcomes.

School Counselors
Alleghany County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 435:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

Chronic Absenteeism
36% of Alleghany County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - non-metro county average of 35%.

First-Year Persistence
69% of Alleghany County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary persist to their second year, below the state average of 83%.

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 Alleghany County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Alleghany

In Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
83.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

17 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
5,202 graduates in 2020
69% 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)

42% of adults (ages 25-44) in Alleghany County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Alleghany County is served by:
High Country Workforce Development Board
High Country Council of Governments

UNC System College Enrollment
Curriculum

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title  
Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners  
4%
Logisticians  
3%
Occupational Therapy Assistants  
3%

Top 3 Employers in Alleghany County
Employer  
Employment Range
Alleghany County Board Of Education  
250-499
Bottomley Enterprises Inc  
100-249
Parkdale Mills Inc  
100-249

First-time Curriculum Enrollments

Basic Skills

Continuing Education
Updated: Feb 12 2024

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022
- 763 certificate
- 499 associate
- 4,461 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone sub-region
- Public, 4-year or above
  - Appalachian State University
- Public, 2-year
  - Mayland Community College, Wilkes Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  - Lees-McRae College
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
- 431 of all college-goers attended Wilkes CC
- 57 of all college-goers attended Surry CC
- 7 of all college-goers attended Appalachian State University

How students in Alleghany County traditional schools are doing:
- Alleghany County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%).
- 25% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 367 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 329 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 9 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2022
- 36% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 353 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Alleghany County completed 1,355 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 108 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Human Services.

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/