## 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**  
  **2.5%**  
  **State**  

### Median Household Income

- **$49,524**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** $67,516

### Home Owners

- **81%**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** 67%

### Child Poverty Rate

- **34.5%**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** 17.2%

### Opportunity Youth Rate

- **14.3%**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** 10.9%

### Households with Broadband

- **70%**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** 3.7%

### Poverty Rate

- **3.9%**  
  **(2022)**  
  **State:** 3.7%

### Unemployment Rate

- **8.3%**  
  **(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%)

### 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.

- **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%.

- **Reading Performance**
  - 25% of Alleghany County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the state average of 30%.

### 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

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### NC Community College Enrollment

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

- **Nurse Practitioners:** 4%  
- **Logisticians:** 3%  
- **Occupational Therapy Assistants:** 3%

### Top 3 Employers in Alleghany County

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### Labor Market Alignment

#### Carolina Demography

- [myFutureNC](https://www.myfuturenc.org)  
- [UNC System](https://www.unc.edu)
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Adult Learners
Boone-Wilkesboro Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 249 Basic Skills
- 2,980 Continuing Education
- 407 Curriculum

8% of Alleghany County residents have student loan debt; 0% of debt holders hadstudent loans in default. 2022

Success of Alleghany County High School Graduates
- 69% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 67% 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
- 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

- 72% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 7 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 65% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022
- 58% of Alleghany County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

How students in Alleghany County traditional schools are doing:
- Alleghany County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 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%. 2023
- 25% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 204 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023
- Alleghany County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 435:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023
- 1% of students drop out of high school (3 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

School Choice
1,458 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Alleghany County in the 2022-23 school year.

Access to Postsecondary Credits
Students in Alleghany County completed 1,057 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (223 (21%) were industry-valued credentials) and 146 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Human Services; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

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