Alleghany County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Alleghany County Attainment Goal: 1,066 (38%)

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Educational Attainment
Alleghany County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree
66.6%  1,481

Have Degree or Credential
33.4%  744

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Postsecondary Completion
53% of Alleghany County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural non-metro county average of 55%.

Reading Performance
22% of Alleghany County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 24%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

How students in Alleghany County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Alleghany County needs:

- Alleghany County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 99%), 2022
- 309 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 22%), 2022
- 349 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 28%), 2022
- 8 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 88%), 2021
- Alleghany County has met the goal for student attendance (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 7%), 2021

Alleghany County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 322:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 60% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022. (17 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%)
- 69% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 59% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

- 60% of Alleghany County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Alleghany County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

Boone-Wilkesboro
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 0

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Success of Alleghany County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 25% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 8% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 67% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 94% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 53% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Alleghany County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 31 Basic Skills
- 199 Continuing Education
- 194 Curriculum

- 7% of Alleghany County residents have student loan debt; 8% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

84.0% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:

Health Science (below and above bachelor’s)
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)

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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,616 in Basic Services
- 1,617 in Career Services
- 245 in Education Services

16.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Alleghany County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Alleghany)

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