Alleghany County

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 11,155
2020 Census: 10,888
Change: -267

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2030 Proposed Alleghany County Attainment Goal: 1,066 (38%)

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

2021 vs. 2020

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%)
- 22% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 309 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 349 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 88% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 8 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- Alleghany County has met the goal for chronic absenteeism. (Goal: 11%). 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%. 2022
  https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
- 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.

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

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%.

Adult Learners
18% of Alleghany County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural non-metro county average of 17%.

Educational Attainment
Alleghany County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree: 66.8%
Have Degree or Credential: 33.2%

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.

Educational Continuum Impact

FAFSA Completion
-6.7% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-21.7% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

FAFSA Completion
66.8%

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

Data Disruptions
- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

Contact Information:
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Rural Non-Metro Prosperity Zone
Rural Non-Metro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 0

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Alleghany County, 2021

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

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