Haywood County

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Population Spotlight
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Education Continuum.
Transition points along the education continuum. Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum. To improve future attainment opportunities for Haywood County to represent the biggest opportunities for growth.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
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How students in Haywood County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Haywood County needs:
- 48% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 83 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 1,104 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 43% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 1,267 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 90% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 31 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 20% of students are chronically absent from school; 583 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Haywood County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 394:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 50% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 154 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
- 53% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 49% in peer counties. 2021

54% of Haywood County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 58% in peer counties.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Haywood County, 2021

School Choice
8,479 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Haywood County in the 2021-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

Career and College Preparation
159 high school students took at least one AP course (8%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Haywood County completed 405 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Manufacturing; and Architecture and Construction.

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Haywood County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020
- 41% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 9% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 49% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 86% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 69% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Haywood County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 57 Basic Skills
- 1,125 Continuing Education
- 1,277 Curriculum

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

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

81.2%

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

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (all levels)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Education & Training (above bachelor’s)

15 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
- 3,111 graduates in 2020
- 69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $41,526 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 6,126 in Basic Services
- 3,913 in Career Services
- 212 in Education Services

13.5% of young adults ages 16-24 in Haywood County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

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