Henderson County

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Educational Continuum.

Education Pipeline Impact of Covid-19 on outcomes.
Improve future attainment Henderson County to opportunities for represent the biggest These three areas for Growth Top Opportunities

Henderson County residents ages 25-44, 2021

No Degree
52.9%
13,203

Have Degree or Credential
47.1%
11,760

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

FAFSA Completion
52% of Henderson County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the suburban county average of 57%.

School Counselors
Henderson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 387:1, above the suburban county average of 336:1.

Postsecondary Intentions
-7.2%
2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Enrollment
-3.9%
2021 vs. 2020

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

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

49% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 125 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022

33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 2,288 more needed to meet state goal of 72%. 2022

37% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 2,811 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022

92% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 29 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021

17% of students are chronically absent from school; 827 less needed to meet state goal of 11% of students ready in Math 2021.

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

School Choice
16,854 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Henderson County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

Career and College Preparation
426 high school students took at least one AP course (10%) versus 15% in peer counties (2021). Students in Henderson County completed 508 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed included Human Services; Architecture and Construction; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

54% of Henderson County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 49% in peer counties.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-5.0%
2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-3.9%
2021 vs. 2020

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

410 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (39%) versus 33% in peer counties (2021).

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

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 40% of college-going attended a public 4-year college
- 15% of college-going attended a private 4-year college
- 44% of college-going attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-going attended a private 2-year college
- 87% of college-going attended an in-state college

- 79% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 77% in peer counties, 2021
- 63% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties, 2021

Adult Learners

Henderson County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

- 213 Basic Skills
- 2,013 Continuing Education
- 2,282 Curriculum

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

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

71.6% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

- 636 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

- 3,023 graduates in 2020
- 69% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $35,824 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 7,566 in Basic Services
- 3,523 in Career Services
- 260 in Education Services

- 10.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Henderson County were not working and not in school versus 11.2% 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 Henderson County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Henderson

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