

Henderson County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Asheville
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Suburban
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 2 (2023)

2030 Proposed Henderson County Attainment Goal: 17,717 (Stretch Goal: 17,909)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 116,279
2022 Estimate: 118,106
Change: 1,827

Growth Rate

1.6% County vs. **2.5%** State



\$65,252
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



74%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



18.0%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



12.3%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%



72%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.2%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Henderson County residents ages 25-44, 2022

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree



No Degree
13,227
52.5%



Have Degree or Credential
11,983
47.5%



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Henderson County to improve future attainment outcomes.



NC Pre-K Enrollment

28% of Henderson County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the suburban county average of 45%.



Adult Learners

18% of Henderson County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the suburban county average of 15%.



School Counselors

Henderson County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 348:1, above the suburban county average of 327:1.

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

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Asheville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.1%

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
Business Management & Administration bachelor's



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)



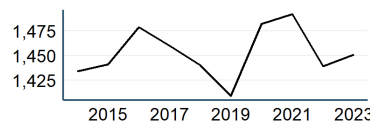
46% of adults (ages 25-44) in Henderson County earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

Henderson County is served by:

Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
Land-of-Sky Regional Council

UNC System College Enrollment

Curriculum



Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Asheville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

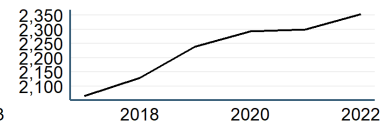
Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	5%
Logisticians	4%
Physician Assistants	3%

Top 3 Employers in Henderson County

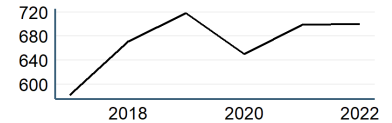
Employer	Employment Range
Henderson Co Bd Of Public Education	1000+
Margaret R Pardee Memorial Hosp	1000+
Ingles Markets Inc	1000+

NC Community College Enrollment

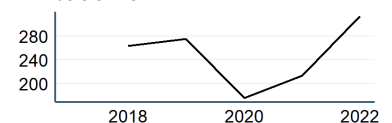
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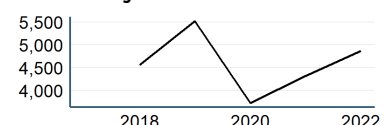
First-time Curriculum Enrollments



Basic Skills



Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Henderson County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

313 Basic Skills
4,871 Continuing Education
2,353 Curriculum



9% of Henderson County residents have **student loan debt**; 7% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

Success of Henderson County High School Graduates

- 82% of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus 82% in peer counties. 2022
- 59% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus 60% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 3,829 of all college-goers attended **Blue Ridge CC**
- 780 of all college-goers attended **Asheville-Buncombe TCC**
- 68 of all college-goers attended **Isothermal CC**

- 61% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 179 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 71% of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus 73% in peer counties. 2022
- 57% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 57% in peer counties. 2022



52% of Henderson County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 48% in peer counties.

How students in Henderson County traditional schools are doing:

- 28% of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to 53% statewide; 217 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2023
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to 30% statewide; 3,003 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 40% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to 35% statewide; 2,631 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 90% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 51 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 28% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 32% statewide; 2,240 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022



Henderson County has a **student-to-school counselor ratio** of 348:1 versus 327:1 in peer counties. 2022



2% of students **drop out of high school** (82 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

1,477 certificate | 1,310 associate | 1,451 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Asheville Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above

University of North Carolina at Asheville

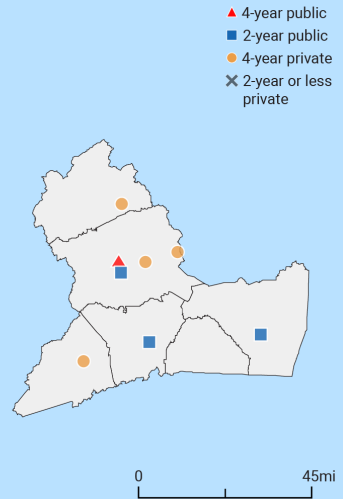
Public, 2-year

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Isothermal Community College

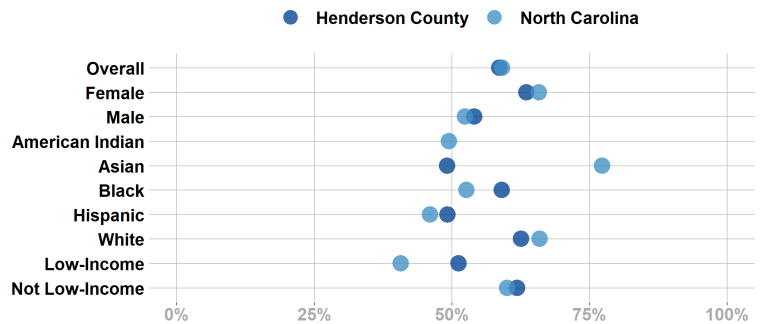
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Brevard College, Mars Hill University, Montreat College, Warren Wilson College

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Henderson County, 2022

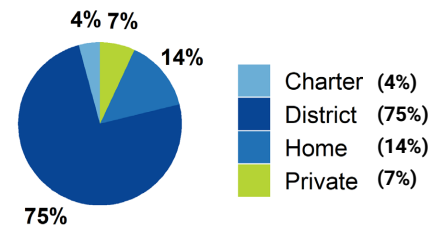


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

16,934 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Henderson County in the 2022-23 school year.

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



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Henderson County completed 1,695 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 524 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Manufacturing; and Human Services.



469 high school students took at least one **AP course** (12%) versus 14% in peer counties (2022).



484 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs** (26%) versus 23% in peer counties (2022).

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

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/