Mitchell County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Mitchell County Attainment Goal: 2,251 (Stretch Goal: 2,281)

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 14,906
2022 Estimate: 15,094
Change: 188

Growth Rate vs.
1.3% County 2.5% State

$53,555 Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516

97% Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

13.9% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

5.7% Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

61% Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

4.2% Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

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

Educational Attainment
Mitchell County residents ages 25-44, 2022

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<th>No Degree</th>
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<td>1,911</td>
<td>1,313</td>
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<td>59.3%</td>
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Less than high school 27%
High school graduate (including GED) 5%
Some college, no credential 28%
Short-term credential 8%
Associate degree 9%
Bachelor’s degree 18%
Graduate or professional degree 6%

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
<5% of Mitchell County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 68%.

Adult Learners
28% of Mitchell County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

School Counselors
Mitchell County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 426:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

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 Mitchell County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Mitchell

In Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
83.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

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)

41% of adults (ages 25-44) in Mitchell County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Mitchell County is served by:
High Country Workforce Development Board
High Country Council of Governments

Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science below bachelor’s
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s
Business Management & Administration bachelor’s

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Top 5 Five-Star Jobs in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

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<td>Nurse Practitioners</td>
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<td>Logisticians</td>
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<td>Occupational Therapy Assistants</td>
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Top 3 Employers in Mitchell County

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<td>Mitchell County Board Of Education</td>
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<td>Sibelco North America Inc</td>
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<td>Mh Blue Ridge Medical Center Llp</td>
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First-time Curriculum Enrollments

Basic Skills

Continuing Education
8% of Mitchell County residents have student loan debt. 0% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2022.

Success of Mitchell County High School Graduates
• 81% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
• 65% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023
• 581 of all college-goers attended Mayland CC
• 82 of all college-goers attended McDowell TCC
• 44 of all college-goers attended Asheville-Buncombe TCC

63% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 23 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80% in 2023.

67% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022.

56% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022.

44% of Mitchell County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

How students in Mitchell County traditional schools are doing:
• 0% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 47 more needed to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 75% in 2023.

29% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 36% statewide; 430 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2023.

30% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 426 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2023.

84% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 17 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2023.

27% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 285 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2022.

Mitchell County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 426:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022.

0% of students drop out of high school (0 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022.

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