Transylvania County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Transylvania County Attainment Goal: 3,627 (Stretch Goal: 3,691)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 32,986
2022 Estimate: 33,355
Change: 369

Growth Rate
1.1% vs. 2.5%

County State

$62,173 67%
Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516

Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 12.3%

Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 72%

Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 72%

Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.4%

Educational Attainment
Transylvania County residents ages 25-44, 2022

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<th>Less than high school</th>
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Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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

Chronic Absenteeism
39% of Transylvania County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - non-metro county average of 35%.

Adult Learners
19% of Transylvania County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

High School Graduation
84% of Transylvania County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - non-metro county average of 85%.

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

In Asheville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
72.1% 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)

39% of adults (ages 25-44) in Transylvania County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Transylvania County is served by:
Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
Land-of-Sky Regional Council

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

UNC System College Enrollment Curricular
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 Transylvania County
Employer Employment Range
Transylvania County Schools 500-999
Transylvania County 250-499
Mh Transylvania Regional Hospital L 250-499

First-time Curriculum Enrollments
Basic Skills
Continuing Education
9% of Transylvania County residents have student loan debt. 7% of debt holders had student loans in default.

Success of Transylvania County High School Graduates

- 83% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 60% 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

- 1,156 of all college-goers attended Blue Ridge CC
- 116 of all college-goers attended Asheville-Buncombe TCC
- 52 of all college-goers attended Brevard College

• 71% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 20 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%.
• 70% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022
• 55% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 52% in peer counties. 2022

52% of Transylvania County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

How students in Transylvania County traditional schools are doing:

- Transylvania County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 32% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 770 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 35% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 732 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 84% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 27 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 39% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 967 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2022

Transylvania County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 285:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2022
• 1% of students drop out of high school (17 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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