Transylvania County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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

Population Spotlight

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

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Median Household Income (2022): $62,173
Home Owners (2022): 76%
Child Poverty Rate (2022): 19.8%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022): 11.1%
Households with Broadband (2022): 72%
Unemployment Rate (2022): 3.4%

Educational Attainment

Transylvania County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree: 3,544 (54.1%)
Have Degree or Credential: 3,011 (45.9%)

7% Less than high school
28% High school graduate (including GED)
19% Some college, no credential
8% Short-term credential
9% Associate degree
23% Bachelor’s degree
6% Graduate or professional degree

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.

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%.

Transition to Postsecondary
55% of Transylvania County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the state average of 58%.

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.

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)

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
Adult Learners

Asheville Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 733 Basic Skills
- 8,927 Continuing Education
- 2,725 Curriculum

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

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

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

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
- 25% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 485 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Transylvania County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 285:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023

3% of students drop out of high school (29 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

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