Transylvania County

**2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)**
**2030 Proposed Transylvania County Attainment Goal: 3,627 (50%)**

### Population Spotlight
- 2020 Census: 33,090
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- Change: -104

### Growth Rate
- County: -0.3%
- State: 9.5%

### Educational Attainment
- Transylvania County residents ages 25-44, 2021
  - No Degree: 54.7% (3,564)
  - Have Degree or Credential: 45.3% (2,954)

### Top Opportunities for Growth
- These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Transylvania County to improve future attainment outcomes.
  - School Counselors: Transylvania County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 354:1, above the rural non-metro county average of 318:1.
  - 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 86%.
  - Chronic Absenteeism: 30% of Transylvania County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural non-metro county average of 29%.

### Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
- Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.
  - K-12 Enrollment (district schools): -2.4% (2021-22 vs. 2019-20)
  - Postsecondary Enrollment: -20.1% (2021 vs. 2020)
  - FAFSA Completion: -14.6% (2021-22 vs. 2018-19)
  - Postsecondary Intentions: -25.7% (2020-21 vs. 2018-19)

### How students in Transylvania County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Transylvania County needs:
- Transylvania County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2022
- 29% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading. 609 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 27% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math. 817 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 84% of 9th graders graduate within four years. 31 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 30% of students are chronically absent from school. 618 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Transylvania County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 354:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

- 58% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022; 57 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%. 2022
  - [https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/](https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/)
- 59% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021
- 50% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

51% of Transylvania County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

### School Choice
4,555 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Transylvania County in the 2021-22 school year.

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

### Career and College Preparation
- 113 high school students took at least one AP course (11%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Transylvania County completed 151 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Health Science.

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Transylvania County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

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Transylvania County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Transylvania County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 30% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 18% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 51% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- 85% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 84% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 74% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 63% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Transylvania County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021
- 96 Basic Skills
- 614 Continuing Education
- 504 Curriculum

11% of Transylvania County residents have student loan debt; 8% 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.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (all levels)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Finance (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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:
- 7,566 in Basic Services
- 3,523 in Career Services
- 260 in Education Services

9.9% of young adults ages 16-24 in Transylvania County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% 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 Transylvania County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Transylvania

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