Yancey County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Yancey County Attainment Goal: 3,090 (Stretch Goal: 3,130)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 18,470
2022 Estimate: 18,811
Change: 341

Growth Rate
1.8% vs. 2.5%

County
State

Median Household Income (2022)
$54,455
$67,516

88%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

24.0%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

2022

5.5%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.0%

66%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

3.6%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Yancey County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
2,169
56.3%

Have Degree or Credential
1,686
43.7%

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

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

NC Pre-K Enrollment
33% of Yancey County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 68%.

School Counselors
Yancey County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 488:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

FAFSA Completion
56% of Yancey County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - non-metro county average of 61%.

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

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

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

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)

38% of adults (ages 25-44) in Yancey County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

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

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title
Nurse Practitioners
Logisticians
Occupational Therapy Assistants
Annual Growth
4%
3%
3%

Top 3 Employers in Yancey County
Employer
Altec Industries Inc
Yancey County Schools
County Of Yancey
Employment Range
500-999
250-499
250-499

Basic Skills
First-time Curriculum Enrollments
Continuing Education
Updated: Jul 22 2024

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### Adult Learners

**Boone-Wilkesboro Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022**
- 249 Basic Skills
- 2,980 Continuing Education
- 407 Curriculum

8% of Yancey County residents have student loan debt. 0% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

### Success of Yancey County High School Graduates

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 59% 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

- 491 of all college-goers attended Mayland CC
- 134 of all college-goers attended Asheville-Buncombe TCC
- 39 of all college-goers attended McDowell TCC

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### Postsecondary assets in Boone-Wilkesboro Prosperity Zone sub-region

- **Public, 4-year or above**
  - Appalachian State University
- **Public, 2-year**
  - Mayland Community College, Wilkes Community College
- **Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above**
  - Lees-McRae College
- **Private not-for-profit, 2-year**

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### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Yancey County, 2022

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### How students in Yancey County traditional schools are doing:

- 33% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 44 more needed to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023
- 33% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 472 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 41% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 402 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 85% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 17 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 28% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 350 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Yancey County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 488:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties. 2023

- 2% of students drop out of high school (10 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

### School Choice

2,559 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Yancey County in the 2022-23 school year.

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

### Access to Postsecondary Credits

- 75 high school students took at least one AP test (12%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 108 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (72%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).

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

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