Research and Reports

Education

Buncombe County Schools and Western Carolina University were both rated in the top 100 Best Employers in North Carolina, 2024.

- Forbes.com



Public Schools

	Asheville City	Buncombe	Haywood	Henderson	Madison
Elementary Schools	5	28	8	13	3
Middle Schools	2	13	3	4	1
High Schools	2	11	4	5	3
Charter Schools	2	7	1	2	0
Student Enrollment*	3,859	21,843	6,423	12,533	2,099

^{*}Enrollment does not include charter schools. Source: NCDPI

4-Year Cohort Graduation Rates 2023-2024

Asheville City	89.9%
Buncombe County	91.5%
Haywood County	91.5%
Henderson County	93.1%
Madison County	90.9%
North Carolina	87.0%

Public Schools Mean SAT Scores (2024)					
	Number Tested	Percent Tested	ERW Score	Math Score	Total
Asheville City	126	40.6%	610	558	1168
Buncombe County Schools	232	15.7%	612	583	1196
Haywood County Schools	20	4.3%	601	591	1192
Henderson County Schools	99	10.8%	586	553	1140
Madison County Schools	<10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	18,269	18.1%	591	576	1166

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Source: NCDPI SAT Report

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Non-Public Schools

	Buncombe	Haywood	Henderson	Madison
Non-Religious	23	1	5	2
Religious	11	4	11	2
Total	34	5	16	4
Total Enrollment	3,946	240	1,226	195

United States

Source: NCDOA Non-Public Education

College & University Enrollment (Fall 2023)			
Western Carolina University	11,628		
Asheville-Buncombe Technical	6,297		
University of North Carolina at Asheville	2,925		
Blue Ridge Community College	2,822		
Haywood Community College	1,260		
Mars Hill University	1,049		
Montreat College	932		
Warren Wilson College	797		



N/A

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Source: IPEDS Updated: January 2025

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