

# Western Carolina University was ranked as the top employer in North Carolina, 2025.

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### Public Schools

	Asheville City	Buncombe	Haywood	Henderson	Madison
Elementary Schools	5	29	8	13	3
Middle Schools	1	12	3	4	1
High Schools	2	14	4	5	3
Charter Schools	6	7	1	2	0
Student Enrollment*	3,768	21,674	6,602	12,361	1,991

### 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rates 2024-2025

Asheville City	91.2%
Buncombe County	91.4%
Haywood County	90.9%
Henderson County	93.6%
Madison County	91.0%
North Carolina	87.8%

\*Enrollment does not include charter schools.  
Source: NCDPI

### Public Schools Mean SAT Scores (2025)

	Number Tested	Percent Tested	ERW Score	Math Score	Total
Asheville City	132	38.5%	602	556	1157
Buncombe County Schools	242	15.3%	610	591	1201
Haywood County Schools	18	3.7%	568	540	1108
Henderson County Schools	116	12.8%	594	577	1171
Madison County Schools	<10	*	*	*	*
North Carolina	20,974	18.0%	590	580	1170
United States	1,646,544	N/A	508	488	996

Source: NCDPI SAT Report

### Non-Public Schools

	Buncombe	Haywood	Henderson	Madison
Non-Religious	21	1	6	2
Religious	13	4	12	2
Total	34	5	18	4
Total Enrollment	4,022	247	1,306	184

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

Source: IPEDS



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