



United Agenda for Children is a coalition of citizens, civic leaders, business government and community agencies who have united to ensure that children in Henderson County are safe, healthy, and well-educated.



# Data

about children  
in Henderson  
County 2013.



# United Agenda for Children

A commitment was made to improve the lives of our children, ensuring future success for generations to come. We made a promise.

## In 2007,

Henderson County began the honorable process of coming together for children. On October 27, approximately 300 people gathered at Speak Out for Kids to identify the critical needs of children in Henderson County and to develop a set of priorities in the areas of Health, Safety, and Education. This provided the infrastructure and reporting mechanisms to implement a unified, systemic response to improve the health, safety, education and overall well-being of our children.

## Top 7 Priorities:

1. Provide school nurses at nationally-recommended levels (1 nurse to every 750 students).
2. Increase safe, affordable housing.
3. Increase access to preschool through additional funding for child care subsidies and additional preschool spaces.
4. Increase mental health services for children in the community and in schools.
5. Establish mentoring programs for at-risk kids.
6. Provide alternatives for youth and teens – create social venues for them.
7. Develop programs that help young people make post high school graduation plans.

## Major Accomplishments

- ☑ Increased the number of school nurses, which has decreased the nurse to student ratio from 1:2, 538 students in 05-06 school year to 1:1,336 students in the current school year.
- ☑ 3 additional school based health centers (for a total of four) have opened.
- ☑ A five member team including a representative from four local health care providers and a UAC member, worked to develop a business plan to market eSN (Electronic School Nurse) software program to provide source of revenue to support the school nurse program. Software program recently won NC Association of County Commissioners award.
- ☑ Minimum housing code established for county.
- ☑ Affordable housing projects under construction.
- ☑ Town Hall on Early Childhood Education hosted and local business leaders advocate for affordable childcare for their workforce.
- ☑ Mental Health providers are serving students on-site in 10 of our county schools, with two more this Fall. Tele-mental health program will provide access to mental health services for all students in local middle and high schools.

## In 2012,

We updated our data to get the most accurate picture of the State of the child in Henderson County.

## Today...

...we can see that changes have been made, programs have gotten stronger and needs are being met, but there is always room for improvements.

# It's time to keep our **PROMISES.**

## **The 5 Promises of Henderson County**

is the next phase of the United Agenda for Children. Building on the success of the UAC, while understanding the impact that the Five Promises have in future success for our children and our community, it's time to recommit.

## **The America's Promise Alliance**

grew out of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997. At the gathering in Philadelphia, Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter and Ford (with Nancy Reagan representing President Reagan), challenged America to make children and youth a national priority. Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell became Founding Chairman of America's Promise. Today, Alma Powell serves as Chair of America's Promise..



## **According to America's Promise,**

children who receive at least four of the Five Promises are much more likely than those who experience only one or zero Promises to succeed academically, socially and civically. They are more likely to avoid violence, contribute to their communities and achieve high grades in school. Receiving at least four of the Five Promises also appears to mitigate gaps across racial and economic boundaries. To experience the full power of the Promises, young people must experience these critical supports throughout their lives — in their families, at schools and out in their communities.

**JOIN US**  
in committing to our children.  
in delivering on our promises.  
in creating a successful future.

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## An Overview of Henderson County

Henderson County, NC is 374 square miles and has approximately 107,177 residents. (1) It is home to five incorporated cities and towns – Hendersonville, Fletcher, Flat Rock, Laurel Park, and Mills River – and divided into eight townships. A township refers to a small geographic area, ranging in size from 6 to 54 square miles, with 36 square miles being the norm. The largest township is Hendersonville, which accounts for about 50% of the County's residents. Hendersonville, the county seat, is the only township in the county that possesses the typical characteristics of a dense urban center. (2) Henderson County is governed by the five-member Henderson County Board of Commissioners, elected at large.



The data shows a comparison from the year 2005. It is basically the same, showing little growth within the past seven years. Some growth exists within the public school system, which went from twelve elementary schools to thirteen elementary schools. The population also rose from 99,000 residents to 107,177 residents within the same time period.

### 2005

- 1 public school system-12 elementary schools; 4 middle schools; 4 high schools and Balfour Education Center
- 1 charter school
- 1 public library system with 6 branches
- 2 parks and recreation departments
- 6 private schools
- 2 hospitals
- 1 community college
- Many recreational opportunities both in terms of natural recreation and created facilities

### 2012

- 1 public school system-13 elementary schools (+1); 4 middle schools; 4 high schools and Balfour Education Center
- 1 charter school
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# promises

- **Caring Adults**
- **Safe Places**
- **A Healthy Start**
- **Effective Education**
- **Opportunities to Serve**

## Executive Summary

## The Henderson County United Agenda for Children

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# The Facts

Understanding the overall health and well-being of our children in order to better their lives is the ultimate goal of the United Agenda for Children. Past efforts on behalf of the UAC have led to an increased number of nurses in schools and more affordable housing for our citizens.

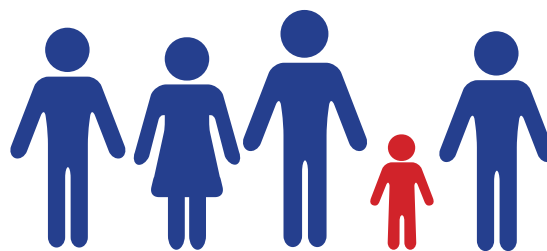
The data shows where we currently stand and helps us determine where we need to be headed as a community. We know that Henderson County is a great place for many children; there are some however, who would disagree. Our hope that is with this information, we can determine the gaps and develop concrete ways to improve lives. The United Agenda for Children can make real change in the way we think, work, and act for kids.

## The 5 promises

Based on highly regarded research from the National Academy of Science's report on Community Programs to Promote Youth Development among others, children who experience at least four of the Five Promises are significantly more likely to achieve academic success, avoid violence, and become involved in their communities.

**Just as the Five Promises have cumulative mutually reinforcing effects, so does the lack of them.**

## Caring Adults



**All young people need and deserve support and guidance from caring adults including ongoing, secure relationships with guardians and parents as well as positive relationships with teachers, mentors, and neighbors.**

The number of children ages birth to age 18 is only slightly smaller than the number of people over the age of 65.

*The census data of 2011 states that approximately 22,523 children live in Henderson County, making one out of every five Henderson County residents under the age of 18.*

There are 24.4% of kids living in single parent homes, and one in four families with a female as head of the household, had incomes below the poverty level. The number of children in foster care is higher than the state average and there has been a 23% increase in the number of children in custody of Henderson County's Department of Social Services since 2005.

Abused and neglected children are more likely to be arrested for criminal behavior as both a juvenile and as an adult.

**Of the nearly 800 clients served in Henderson County through domestic abuse agencies during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 17% were under the age of 25, and close to half of the sexual assault victims served were between the ages of 0-17.**

# Safe Places

*All young people need and deserve to be physically and emotionally safe wherever they are- in homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities, as well as online.*

**During the 2012-2013 school year, 297 students were identified as homeless, a 25% decrease in the number of students identified the previous school year.**

Affordable housing continues to be an issue in Henderson County as almost half of renters and one third of owners with mortgages in Henderson County, spent 30% or more of their household income on housing. The 2013 fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit in Henderson County is \$777/month.

In Henderson County, the estimated average wage for a renter is \$10.03. In order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom apartment at this wage,

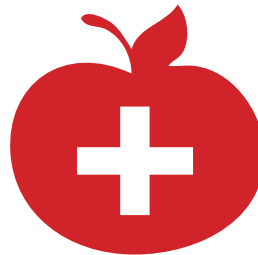
a renter must work



**60**  
**52**

hours a week,  
weeks a year.

# A Healthy Start



*All young people need healthy bodies, healthy minds, and healthful habits resulting from regular health care and needed treatment, good nutrition and exercise, health education and healthy role models.*

There has been a significant decrease in the number of babies born to mothers ages 15-19 since 2009, proof that accredited parenting programs are working. In spite of this tremendous progress,

**the number of repeat pregnancies is still one in four, and teen childbearing costs North Carolina taxpayers about \$392 million annually.**

**In 2010, the US Census estimates 25.3% of Henderson County children under the age of 18 were living below the poverty threshold. This is equal to approximately 5,567 children. The child poverty rate increased from 2005, when an estimated 22.6% of Henderson County children under age 18 were living below the poverty threshold.**

A look at the long term data shows an increase in the number of Henderson County's children enrolled in public health insurance, but 9% of children under the age of 18 still had no health insurance coverage in 2011. North Carolina has continually been ranked high among the states who administer age-appropriate immunizations, with 97% of North Carolina children immunized by school entry.

The state data shows that prescription drug use is on the rise with one in five students admitting to using drugs such as OxyContin, Percet, Demerol, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax without a doctor's prescription. The second most common substances abused are inhalants and crack/cocaine.

# An Effective Education

All young people need and deserve the intellectual development, motivation, and marketable skills that equip them for successful work and lifelong learning. These result from having quality learning environments, challenging expectations, and consistent guidance.

Only half of the child care centers in our county serve infants despite the increased need for care, due to the high cost associated with providing this service. We are also seeing the effects that rising costs of childcare are having on the children and families in Henderson County.

**The average cost of infant childcare in North Carolina is 61.6% more than the average tuition at a Public College.**

## Opportunities to Serve

*Every Child in Henderson County will have the opportunity to serve by making a difference in the community and helping others.*

There are ample opportunities for youth to volunteer and contribute to Henderson County as a community. Local organizations including the school system, civic clubs, youth councils and youth groups all have a way for youth to interact with their community and give back.

## The 5 Promises.

By driving citizens to make a promise to the youth of Henderson County that we will make sure they have these resources, Henderson County will be helping them succeed academically, socially, and civically. The 5 Promises of Henderson County is the next phase of the United Agenda for Children intended to create a movement of change.

**It will take all of us in the community to make it happen; those of us with power over the budgets and policies, those of us with the power of the vote, those of us with the power to focus organizations, and those of us with the power to impact a child in our life.**

Infant child care consumes 13% of a family's budget in a dual-income household and consumes 43% of the budget in a single-income household.

Approximately 13,300 children are attending Henderson County public schools for the 2012-2013 school year. **Currently, more than half (55.5%), of all the children enrolled in grades K-12 are enrolled in free and reduced price meals programs, slightly higher than North Carolina's state average.**

**The cohort graduation rate in Henderson County is 82.9%; above the state average for North Carolina,** and the Balfour Education Center succeeded in adding to the number of high school graduates in Henderson County by providing an alternative educational experience, ensuring students have the opportunity to excel and become contributing members of society.

**Henderson County students are consistently taking the SAT and ACT tests at lower rates than students in the state as a whole.**

However, Henderson County students who go on to state colleges are performing well. **Of the Henderson County graduates accepted to UNC System schools, achievement is high, with indicators showing numbers above the state average.**



  
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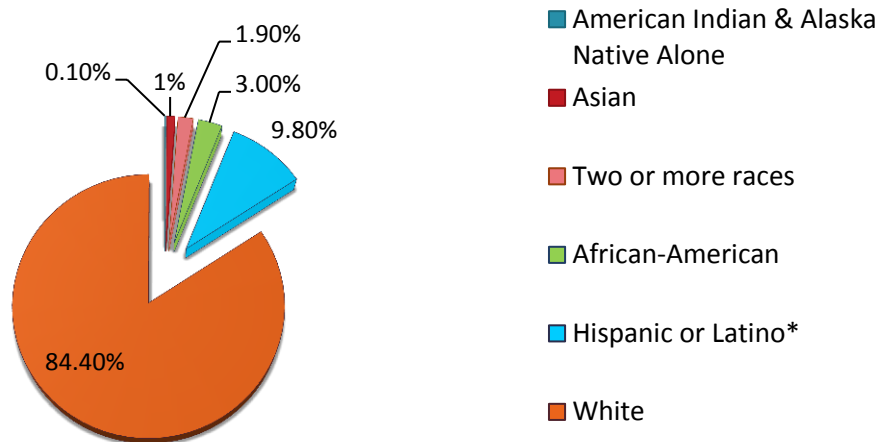


## The people and children of Henderson County

Henderson County is home to approximately 107,000 residents, a population that has grown steadily over the last 20 years, according to the US Census. The majority of residents are white, making up 84.4% of the county's population; followed by Hispanic or Latino residents who make up 9.8% of the population.

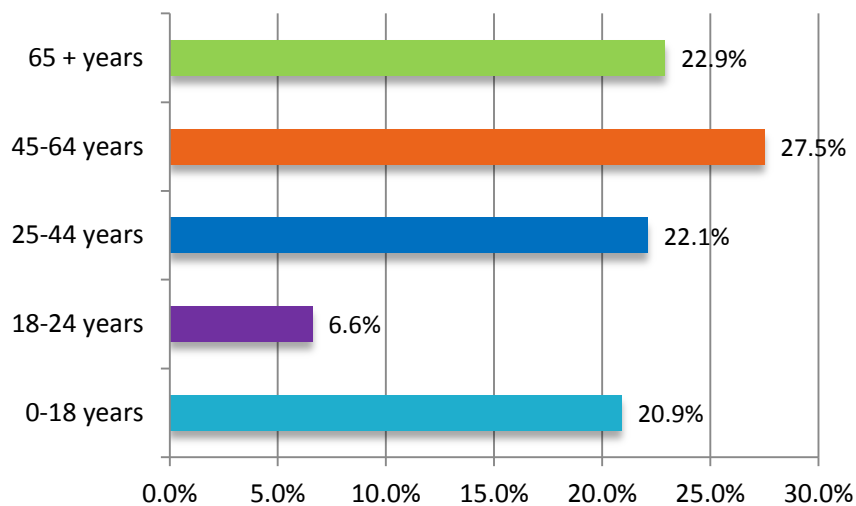
### Racial & Ethnic Makeup of Henderson County

US Census 2011



*\*percentages add up to more than 100% because "Hispanic or Latino" is an ethnicity counted in addition to a person's race*

### Population by Age Groups

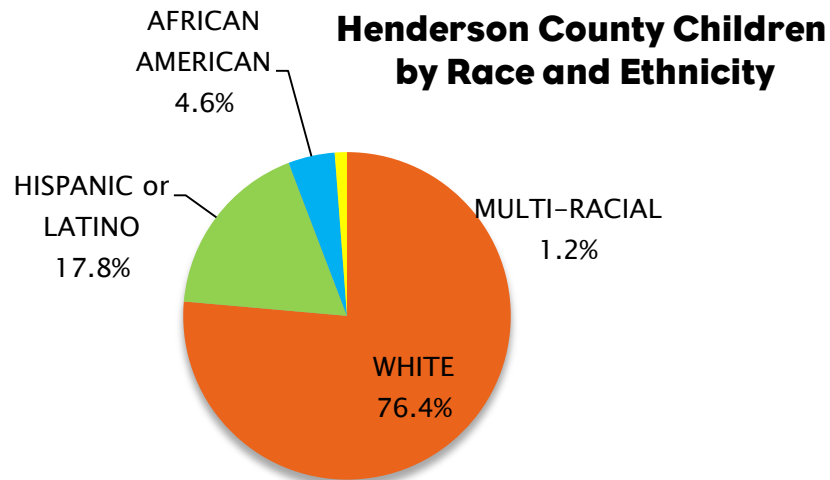
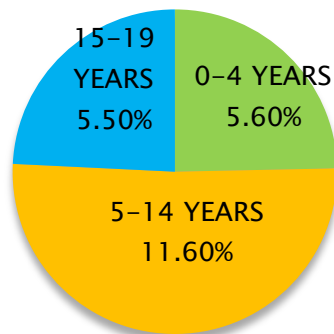


**People from birth to age 18 make up 1/5 of the county's population.**

## Facts about Young People in Henderson County

- The census data of 2011 states that approximately 22,523 children live in Henderson County; one out of every five residents of the population is under the age of 18.
- The population of children 0-17 years has increased by 7.5% over the last five years. The rate of growth for the younger population (ages 0-17) exceeds the growth of those age 18 and older (13).

### Age Distribution of Henderson County Youth Within Total Population

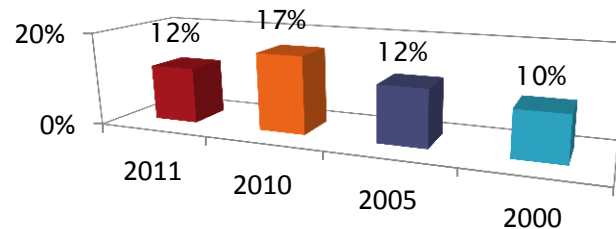


- About 12,777 of the households in Henderson County have children under 18 years old.

## Poverty in Henderson County

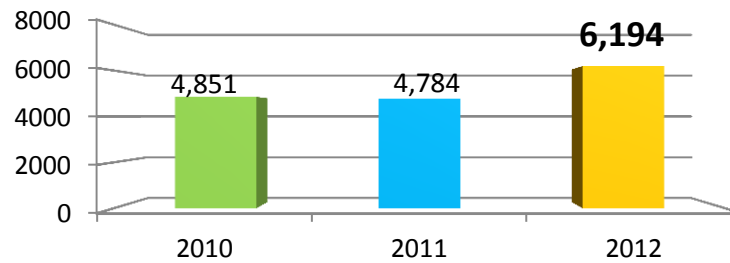
- In 2011, 12 % of households were in poverty, having incomes below \$15,000, and 6 % had incomes over \$150,000 or more. In 2005, the percentage of people in Henderson County living below the poverty threshold was 12%
- 8% of all families and 27% of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

### Henderson County Residents Living Below Poverty Line



- 21% of families in Henderson County in 2011, were making less than \$24,999 annually. The U.S. Census Bureau determined Henderson County's median family income in 2011 was \$43,105. In 2006, the Census reported the estimated median family income to be \$51,271. (78).
- Sixteen percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 6 percent of people 65 years old and over.
- In 2010, the US Census estimated that 25.3% of Henderson County children under the age of 18 were living below the poverty threshold. This is equal to approximately 5,567 children (20). This child poverty rate of 2010 shows an increase from the year 2005, when an estimated 22.6% of Henderson County children under age 18 were living below the poverty threshold, approximately 4,660 children.
- Local data for 2011, shows approximately 20% of Henderson County's children receive food stamps. The Department of Social Services shows that 4,784 children under 18 received food stamps in 2011 (22). The US Census data for 2010 counts 4,851 Henderson County households receiving food stamps in 2010 (21). The local data for 2012 counts 6,194 households using food stamps, an increase of about 27% in two years. Local data for 2005 shows 13% of Henderson County children received food stamps.

## Children receiving food stamps in Henderson County 2010 - 2012



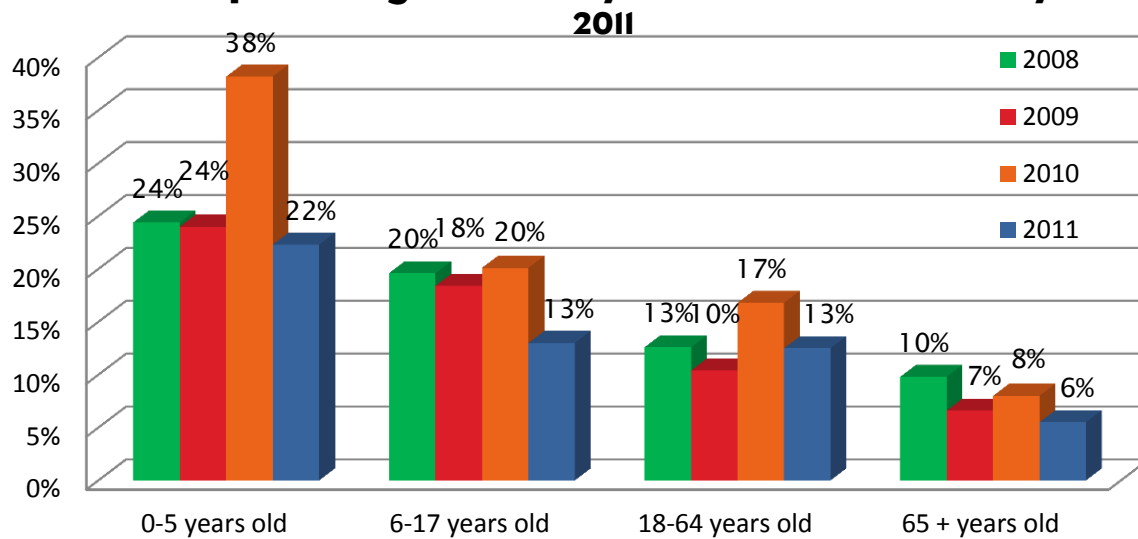
- Approximately 13,300 children are attending Henderson County public schools for the 2012-2013 school year. For the 2010-2011 school year, 898 children enrolled in private school and 1,467 children were home schooled in Henderson County (15).

- • During the current 2012-2013 school year, **55.5% of Henderson County children in grades K-12 are enrolled in free and reduced-price meals programs**, similar to the percentage across North Carolina which was 53.9% (21). In 2005, 40% of children in grades K-12 were enrolled in free and reduced-price meals programs compared to 50% in North Carolina.

## Child Poverty Rate

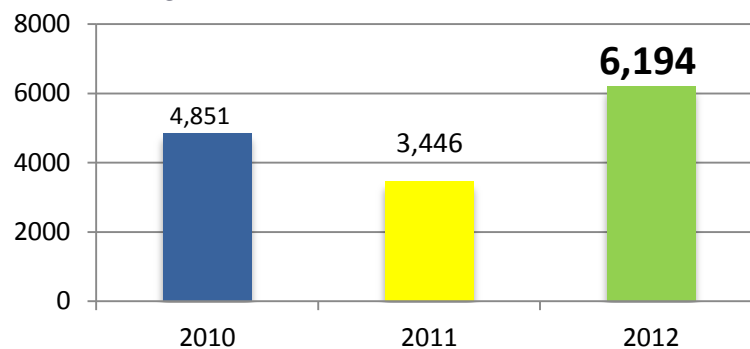
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- In 2012, Interfaith Assistance Ministries provided emergency assistance to an unduplicated count of 2,651 families, 42% of the individuals served were children under the age of 18. One in five of these children were living in single-parent families. 85% of these families were living at or below the Federal poverty level.
- When broken down into age groups, in 2011, 22.3% of children 0-5 years old, 13% of children 5-17 years old are living in poverty.

## People living in Poverty in Henderson County



- Local data for 2011 shows approximately 20% (4,784) of Henderson County's children under the age of 18 receive food stamps (22). In 2005, 13% of children in Henderson County received food stamps.
- In 2011, 58% of children (ages 0-5) in licensed care received a subsidy; the state percentage is 32.6%. As of May 2012, 767 Henderson County children received subsidy for childcare (103).
- In 2011, enrollment in the WIC program has increased to 2,650 children age five or younger.
- The US Census data for 2011 counts 3,446 Henderson County households receiving food stamps or SNAP benefits (21). The local data for 2012 counts 6,194 households using food stamps.

## Households receiving food stamps in Henderson County 2010 - 2012



- Data from Henderson County Public Schools (from 2.27.13) shows that of the 13,299 students enrolled in Henderson County, 7,282 or 55% are receiving free or reduced lunch.

### **Henderson County Student Enrollment and Free & Reduced Lunch Status by School (as of 2/27/13)**

School Name	Free	Reduced	Total Approved	Total Enrollment
Atkinson Elementary	152	25	47%	378
Bruce Drysdale Elementary	316	26	79%	432
Clear Creek Elementary	287	30	68%	469
Dana Elementary	357	47	79%	511
Edneyville Elementary	339	54	74%	530
Etowah Elementary	176	38	54%	399
Fletcher Elementary	190	36	42%	533
Hendersonville Elementary	101	47	34%	435
Hillandale Elementary	372	33	69%	587
Glenn C Marlow Elementary	167	34	37%	549
Mills River Elementary	182	39	41%	536
Sugarloaf Elementary	271	37	84%	365
Upward Elementary	351	25	79%	474
Apple Valley Middle	492	76	65%	870
Flat Rock Middle	433	63	63%	791
Hendersonville Middle	241	32	50%	551
Rugby Middle	285	74	41%	879
East High	392	61	48%	942
Henderson High	234	59	41%	713
North High	451	86	55%	979
West High	286	74	34%	1070
Balfour	101	10	86%	129
Early College	77	23	57%	177
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6253</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>13299</b>

\*Blue Schools have over 50% receiving free or reduced lunches, and green have over 75%.

# Caring Adults

**Caring Adults are the cornerstone of a child's development and for the other four critical developmental resources that make for young people's success, both as children and adults.**

**All children and youth need and deserve support and guidance from caring adults in their families, schools and communities. These include ongoing, secure relationships with guardians, parents and other family members, as well as positive relationships with teachers, mentors, coaches and neighbors.**

**Caring adults are the gateways to the rest of the five promises...ensuring that children have safe places, good health care, encouragement in their schoolwork and chances to volunteer.**

**The following are indicators we will use to evaluate our community and find out where we need improvement and change in order to create a better place for the children of Henderson County:**

**Child Abuse/ Neglect  
Domestic Violence  
Sexual Assault  
Single Parent Households  
Adult Substance Abuse  
Mother's Education**



## Child Abuse/ Neglect

Abused and neglected children are 11 times more likely to be arrested for criminal behavior as a juvenile, 2.7 more times likely to be arrested for violent and criminal behavior as an adult, and 3.1 times more likely to be arrested for one of many forms of violent crimes (juvenile or adult). (70b)

- **In 2009, 1,895 reports of abuse and neglect were investigated in Henderson County. This is an 11% decrease in number of reports since 2005. In 2006, 2,074 reports of abuse and neglect were investigated in Henderson County.**
- The rate of children in Henderson County subject to an investigation for abuse or neglect in 2009 was 93.2 per 1,000, considerably higher than the state rate of 56.1 children investigated per 1,000 (71). **In 2006, The rate of children in Henderson County subject to an investigation for abuse or neglect in 2005 was 93.1 per 1,000, as compared to the state rate of 53.6.**
- **Of the children reported for abuse or neglect in Henderson County for the first time in 2009, 57% were under the age of six.**
- Additionally, 8.9% of the above cases or 169 out of 1,895 were found to be substantiated, similar to the 9% of substantiated cases reported by the state. Most substantiated investigations by the Department of Social Services were due to neglect. **In 2010 there were 194 cases in Henderson County of substantiated abuse and neglect. In 2006, 14% of those cases investigated in Henderson County were found to be substantiated, as compare to the state average rate of 23%. Of those children who were found to be substantiated and in need of services in a child protective services investigation, 52% were aged 0-6 and most substantiated investigations by the Department of Social Services were due to neglect.**
- In 2013, there were 161 children in foster care in Henderson County (73). **In 2009, there were 171 children in foster care in Henderson County.**
- There has been an increase of 23% in the number of children in custody of Henderson County's Department of Social Services (DSS) between 2005 and 2010. **In 2006, there had been a 142% increase in the number of children for whom Henderson County Department of Social Services (DSS) has custody between 2001 and 2006. During 2005, 43% of the children taken into DSS custody were living in homes where methamphetamine sales or use was occurring.**

## Domestic Violence

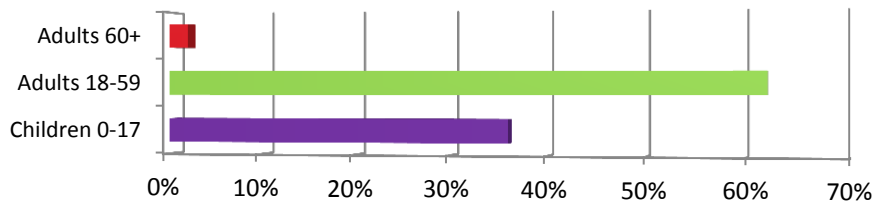
- Of the 794 clients that were served in Henderson County through domestic abuse agencies during the 2010-2011 fiscal year, 136, or 17% were under the age of 25 (127). **Of the 898 clients**



that were served in Henderson County through domestic abuse agencies during the 2005-2006 fiscal year, 156, or 17% were under the age of 25 (127).

- During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, 133 children under the age of 18 received services through support groups and 109 children under the age of 17 received shelter services (127).

### People Receiving Shelter Services from 2010-2011



Source: NC Council For Women Statistics

### Mainstay Shelter

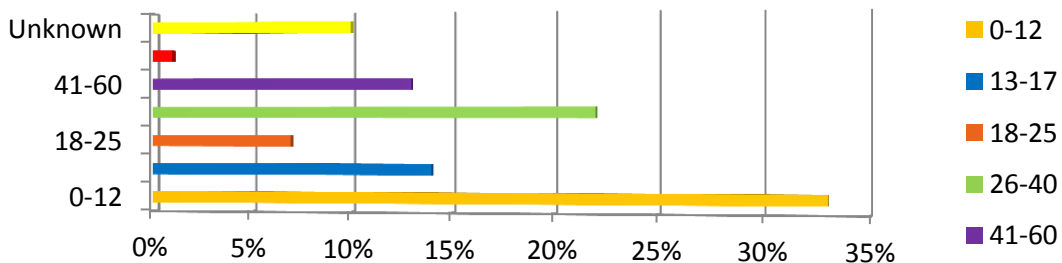
Calendar Year to Date	2013	2012	% of Increase
Children	106	90	18
Women	125	110	14

- The number of women and children served at Mainstay’s Shelter has increased from 2012-2013.

### Sexual Assault

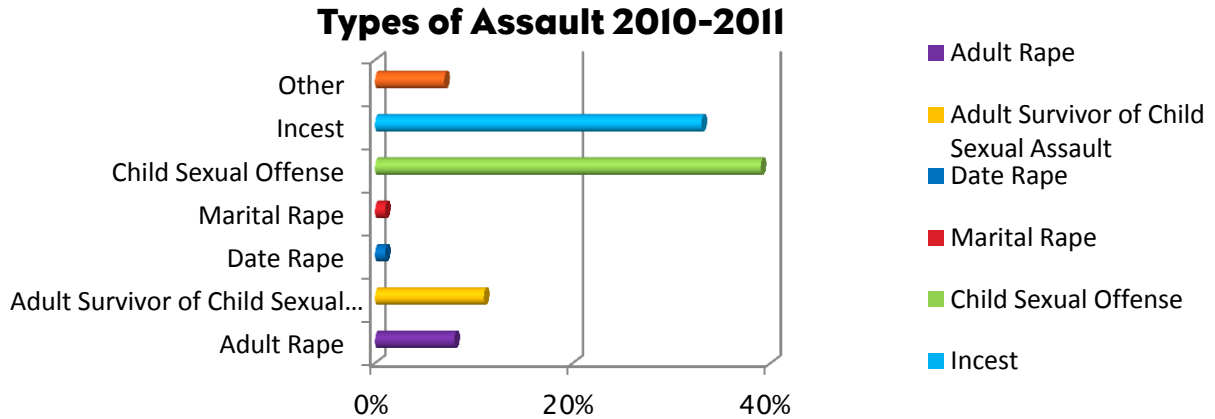
- Of the 609 sexual assault victims served in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, 47% or 286, were between the ages of 0-17. Of the 609 sexual assault victims served in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 200 or 33%, were between the ages of 0-12. Of the 336 sexual assault victims served in the 2005-2006 fiscal year, 61% or 204, were between the ages of 0-17(127).

### People Receiving Services for Sexual Assault from 2010-2011



Source: NC Council for Women Statistics, Henderson County Data

- The types of assault varied, but 239 cases, or 39%, were Child Sexual Offences and 202 cases, or 33%, were Incest (127). In the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the types of assault varied, but 176 cases, or 52%, were Child Sexual Offences and 98 cases, or 41%, were Incest (127).



*Source: NC Council for Women, Henderson County Data*

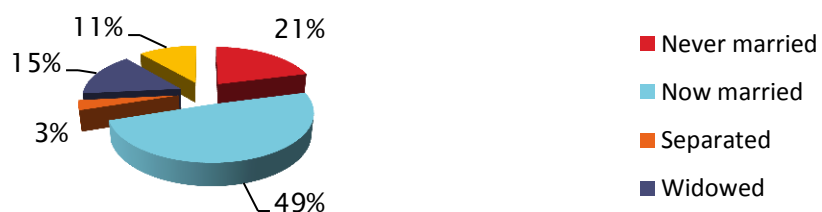
## Substance Abuse

- A total of 3.5% of NC adults averaged two or more drinks of alcohol per day in the past month (chronic drinkers). 4.9% of Henderson County adults averaged two or more drinks of alcohol per day according to the WNC Healthy Impact Report.
- The survey also reported 11% of NC adults are binge drinkers and 7.9% of Henderson County adults are binge drinkers.
- A total of 1.8% of Western North Carolina adults acknowledge using an illicit drug in the past month, and 0.5% of Henderson County residents admitted to using illicit drugs.

## Single Parent Households

- For 2012, 20% of Henderson County United Way clients were from single family homes, meaning 1,693 children.
- According to the “Status of Women in North Carolina Report” (August 2012) single mother households have the lowest median annual income in NC, at just \$20,393.

### For population 15 years and over in Hendersonville city



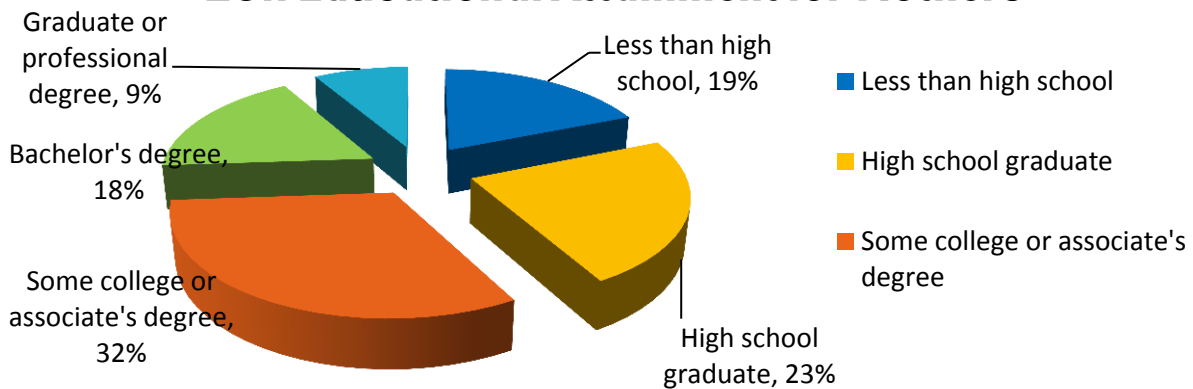
## Households and Families

	Total	Married Couple Family	Male Householder	Female Householder	Non-family Household
<b>2005</b>	111,090,617	55,224,773, 50%	5,097,664, 5%	14,018,712, 12%	36,749,468, 33%
<b>2012</b>	115,969,540	55,754,450, 48%	5,578,212, 5%	15,176,600, 13%	39,460,278, 34%

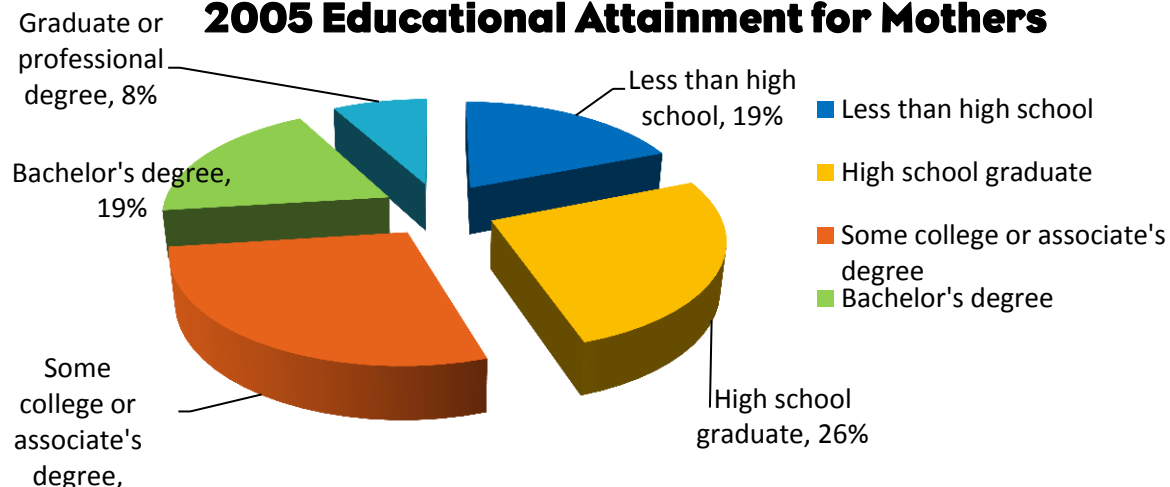
## Mother's Education

A mother's education level has a huge effect on the health of her children and this relationship, observed in many small studies in rich countries, turns out to be true everywhere on the globe. Half of the reduction in child mortality over the past 40 years can be attributed to the better education of women, according to the analysis published in the journal *Lancet*. For every one-year increase in the average education of reproductive-age women, a country experienced a 9.5 percent decrease in the child deaths.

### 2011 Educational Attainment for Mothers



### 2005 Educational Attainment for Mothers



# Safe Places

**Safe Places and Constructive Use of Time – both of these attributes are integral to any meaningful discussion of this developmental resource.**

**All children and youth need and deserve to be physically and emotionally safe wherever they are — in homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities as well as online. It is equally important for children’s development that these places engage them constructively and actively.**

**The following are indicators we will use to evaluate our community and find out where we need improvement and change in order to create a better place for the children of Henderson County:**

**Crime Rate**

**Student Bullying**

**Juvenile Crime Rate**

**Homeless Youth**

**Affordable Housing**

**Child Poverty Rate**

**Before and After School Programs**

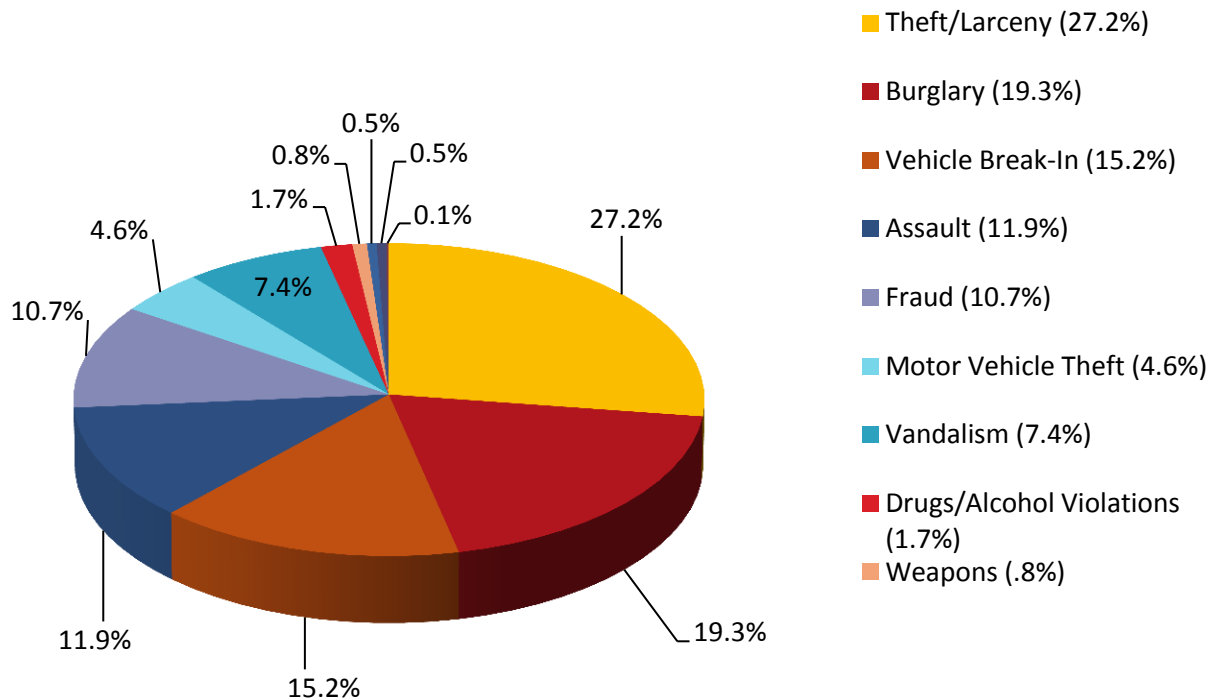


## Crime Rate

### Hendersonville City Police Department Crime Statistics by Year

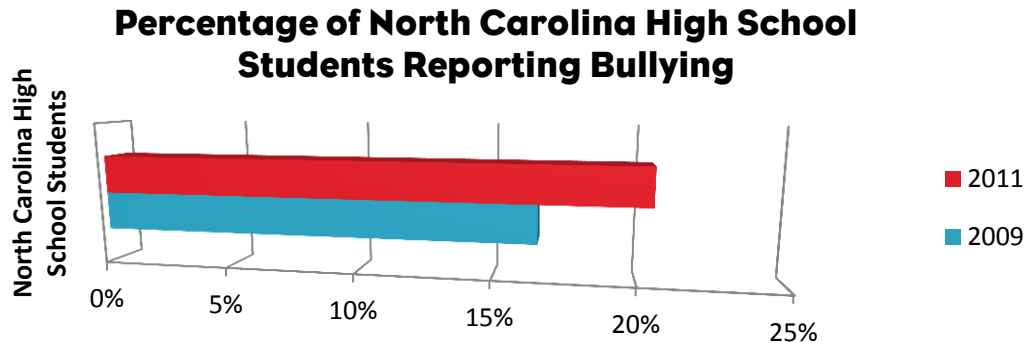
	2008	2011
Homicide	2	1
Rape	6	4
Robbery	10	19
Aggravated Assault	44	24
Burglary	138	140
Larceny	711	641
Motor Vehicle Theft	40	43
Arson	8	1
Accident Reports	1291	1240
Citations Issued	3507	2345
Arrests	5829	1577

### Henderson County Sherriff's Office Crime Trend Report 9/12/2012 - 3/11/2013



## School Bullying

- Henderson County does not track data for school bullying, but according to the NC Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken in 2011, the percentage of North Carolina High School students who have reported being bullied on school property during the past 12 months, has increased significantly since 2009.
- The survey also began tracking electronic bullying in 2011, and of the 20.5% high school students who reported cyber bullying, females were more likely than males to be the victims.



*Source: NC Youth Risk Behavior Survey*

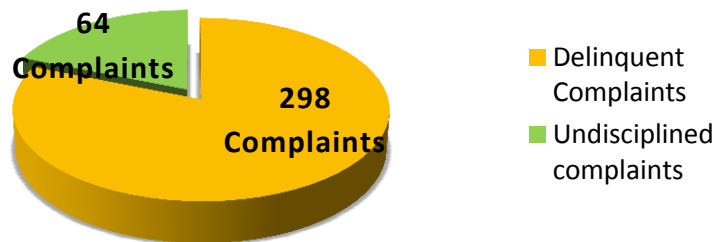
## Juvenile Crime Rate

Court involving juveniles (ages 6 up to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday) is divided into two categories: delinquents and undisciplined: **Delinquent complaints** relate to juveniles who commit offenses that would be illegal for anyone such as assault or larceny. **Undisciplined complaints** relate to offenses or behaviors that are specific to juveniles, such as being unable to be managed or controlled by parents or other responsible parties, running away, or failure to attend school.

- **In 2012, in Henderson County, there were 298 delinquent complaints** or a delinquent rate of 23.67 per 1,000. The delinquency rate in North Carolina was 24.7 per 1,000 in the same year. Both the county and the state have seen this rate decrease for five consecutive years. **In 2006 in Henderson County, there were 336 delinquent complaints or a delinquent rate of 29.63 per 1,000. The delinquency rate in North Carolina was 36.21 per 1,000 in the same year.**
- **In 2012, there were 64 undisciplined complaints for youth in Henderson County;** a rate of 4.28 per 1,000. The rate of undisciplined complaints in North Carolina was 2.5 per 1,000 in the same year. **In 2006, there were 81 undisciplined complaints for youth in Henderson County; a rate of 6.03 per 1,000. The rate of undisciplined complaints in North Carolina was 3.64 per 1,000 in the same year.**

- There were 12 juvenile detention center admissions of Henderson County residents in 2012. This represents about 2% of statewide admissions to detention centers. **In 2006, there were 40 juvenile detention center admissions of Henderson County residents, representing about 4% of the statewide admissions to detention centers.**

### Henderson County Complaints: Delinquent vs. Undisciplined 2012



## Homeless Youth

The school system identifies homeless under the definition of McKinney-Vento (M-V), a much broader definition than the one used by Housing and Urban Development. The Henderson County Public Schools HELP Program works very closely with both the Rescue Mission and Mainstay to identify any *school age* children that come through the shelters and does not track or directly serve the 0-5 aged population.

#### 2009-2010 School Year Data, Compiled by Henderson County Public Schools

- 306 students identified as homeless county wide
  - **61 unaccompanied homeless youth**, *"a student not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian" who meets the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness*
  - 69 issues of domestic violence

#### 2010-2011 School Year Data, Compiled by Henderson County Public Schools

- 317 students identified as homeless county wide
  - **73 unaccompanied homeless youth**
  - 35 issues of domestic violence

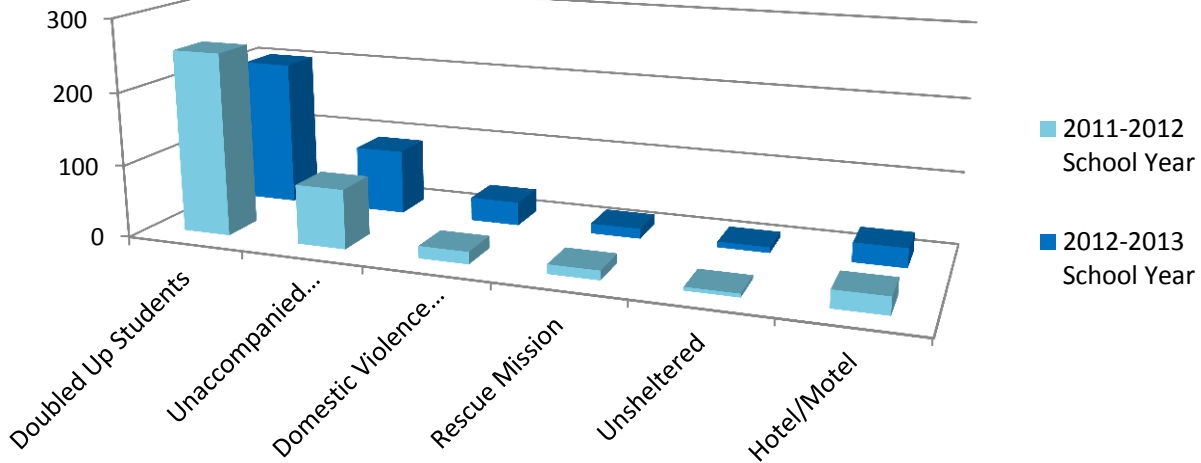
#### 2011-2012 School Year Data, Compiled by Henderson County Public Schools

- 311 students identified as homeless county wide
  - 252 students were doubled-up--**living with a family or friend due to economic hardship with no other alternate accommodations**
  - **82 unaccompanied homeless youth**
  - 17 addressed issues surrounding domestic violence
  - 13 stayed at Rescue Mission
  - 5 unsheltered
  - 24 Hotel/Motel

**2012-2013 School Year, Compiled by Henderson County Public Schools**

- 297 students identified as homeless county wide
  - 203 Students are doubled up
  - **90 unaccompanied homeless youth**
  - 33 addressed issues surrounding domestic violence(not all of these stayed at Mainstay)
  - 14 stayed at Rescue Mission
  - 8 unsheltered
  - 27 motel/hotel

**Homeless Children in Henderson County**



**Hendersonville Rescue Mission  
Individuals Served in the Shelter**

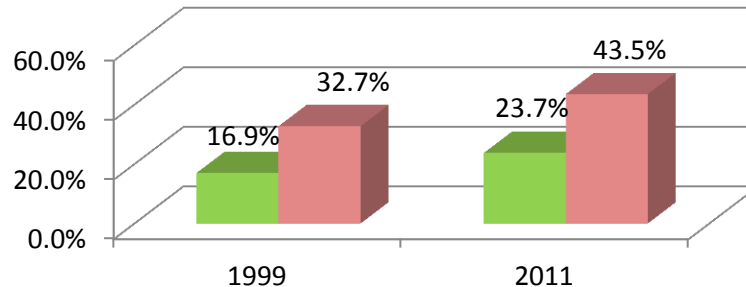
YEAR	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Male	1,202	1,138	1,045	953	778	656	662
Women	313	196	141	134	229	190	224
Children	72	72	62	62	86	44	69
Totals:	1,587	1,406	1,248	1,149	1,093	890	955

*Source: Hendersonville Rescue Mission 1.14.13*



## Affordable Housing

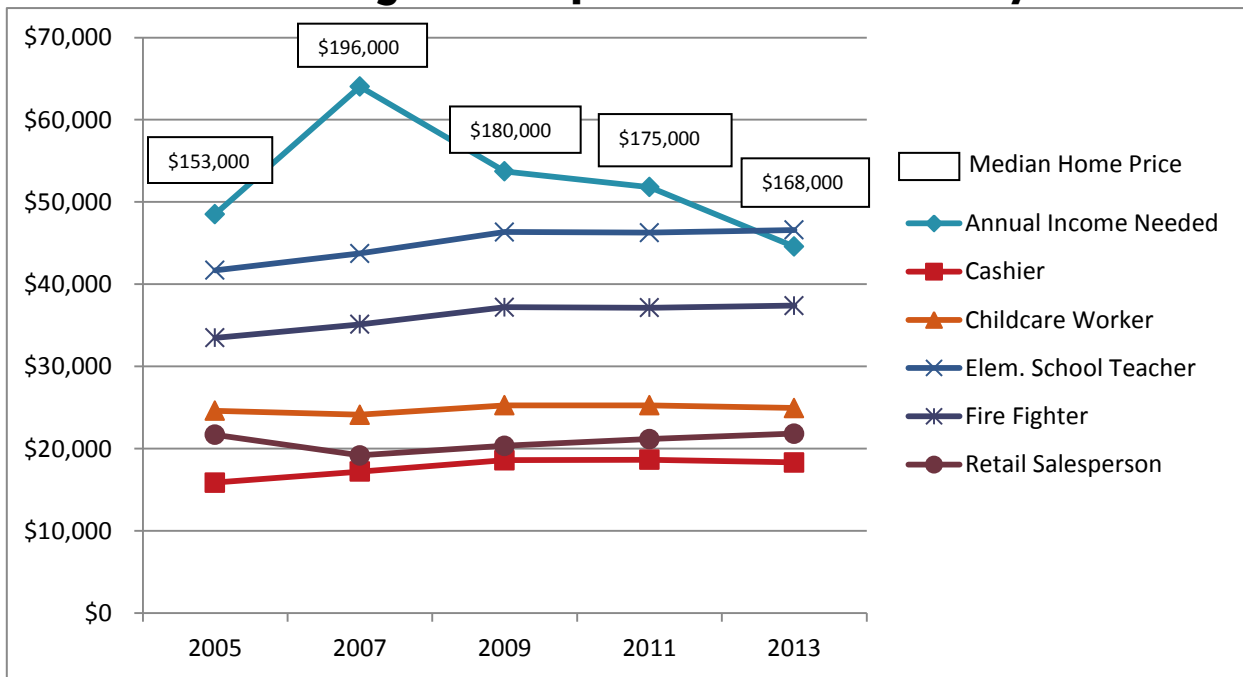
### Residents who spend > 30% of Household Income on Housing in Henderson County



- According to Data from the 2013 National Low Income Housing Coalition, in Henderson County, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$777. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities- without paying more than 30% of income on housing- a household must earn \$2,590 a month or \$31,080 annually. Assuming a 40 hour work week, 52 weeks a year, this level of income translates **into a Housing Wage of \$14.94.**
- **In 2012, an individual would have needed to earn \$13.54 an hour (housing wage) to afford a rental unit priced at the Fair Market Value for Henderson County at \$704. To afford the same rental unit while earning minimum wage, the individual would need to work 75 hours a week, 52 weeks a year.**
- In Henderson County, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$7.25. In order to afford the FMR for a two bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 82 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, or a household must include 2.1 minimum wage earners working 40 hours a week year round in order to make the two-bedroom Fair Market Rent affordable.
- In Henderson County, the estimated average wage for a renter is \$10.03. In order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 60 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Or, working 40 hours per week, a household must include 1.5 workers earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two bedrooms affordable.
- In 2009, the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium found an unmet need of 4,061 affordable rental units in Henderson County. In order to fill the gap for affordable housing through 2020 in Henderson County, we'd need to be building 482 new units each year. A more recent market study conducted by Koontz and Salinger in March of 2012, identified the immediate need for 1,719 new affordable 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments for local families.

- Today, in 2013, our local Hendersonville Housing Authority has 384 affordable housing units and there are nearly 100 families on a waiting list of over a year for a unit. Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA) has about 440 units and administers the Section 8 voucher program which currently has 901 people on a waiting list over two years long.
- In 2006, all affordable rental units had waiting lists and the lists for Section 8 housing increased from no wait to more than two years.
- Housing Assistance Corporation and Habitat for Humanity both have affordable housing projects under construction to help meet the need for more units. The Housing Assistance Corporation has plans to develop 20 units of single family housing over the next two years and is seeking funding for a 60+ unit apartment development. Habitat for Humanity has started construction of the Dodd Meadows neighborhood which will provide housing for 82 families.

### The Housing Cost Gap in Henderson County



Source : Housing Assistance

## Substandard Housing

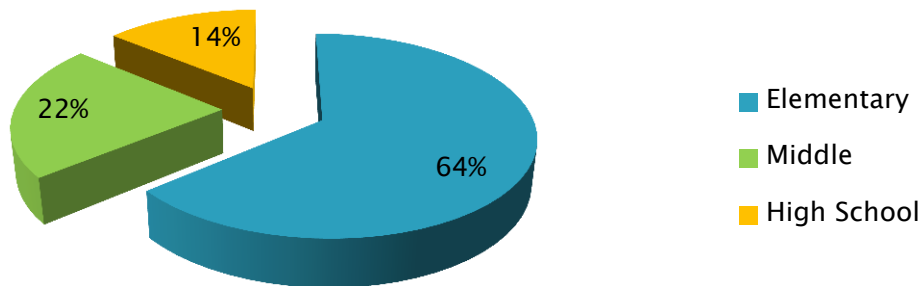
- Housing Assistance completes approximately 300 repairs a year on homes that are substandard.
- 16.3% of Henderson County’s housing stock is mobile homes which are more affordable but typically have greater maintenance issues as they age.
- 19.6% of Henderson County’s Housing Stock was built before 1960. Unless in a high demand area, these older homes are often owned by lower income people who cannot afford the maintenance and cooling costs

	2000 census	2007-11 ACS Survey
Units overcrowded	1022	1105
Heated by Wood	1350	1682
No Telephone Service	838	1047
Lack Complete Plumbing	143	83
Lack Complete Kitchen	138	58

## After School & Out of School Programs

- Henderson County Public Schools
  - PSAM program currently serves 100 students for a fee of \$4/day (as of 3.13.13).
  - The PSPM program serves 730 students for a fee of \$10/day (as of 3.13.13).
- Camp Tekoa serves an average of 73 students a day through their afterschool program.
- The Boys & Girls Club served close to 1500 students in 2012. The total membership was 1,241, but they served additional family members and other children in Henderson County who were not members. Annual Membership to the Boys & Girls Club costs \$5.

### Total # of Students Served at the Boys & Girls Club



# Healthy Start

Increased attention in recent years on such issues as the upsurges in childhood obesity and juvenile diabetes has raised awareness of the importance of a healthy start as a critical developmental resource for children and youth.

All children and youth need and deserve healthy bodies, healthy minds and healthful habits. These result from regular health care and needed treatment, good nutrition and exercise, health education and healthy role models.

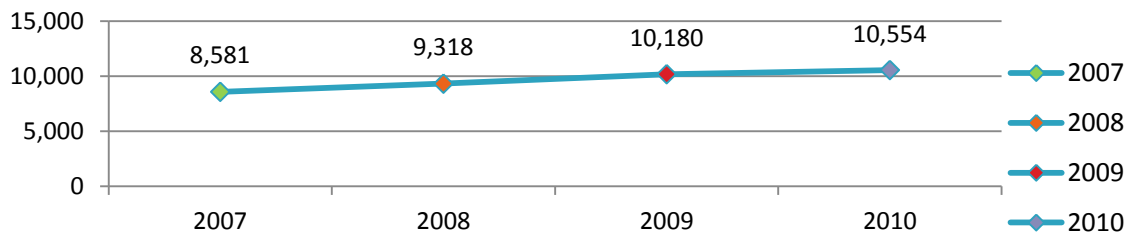
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Access to Health Services  
Low Birth Rate  
Incidence of Prematurity  
Appropriate Prenatal Care  
Infant Mortality  
Obesity Rates  
Teen Pregnancy Rate  
Age Appropriate Immunizations  
Youth Reported Substance Abuse  
and Contemplating Suicide  
School Nurses  
School Based Health Centers  
Access to Mental Health



## Access to Health Services

### Children Enrolled in Public Health Insurance



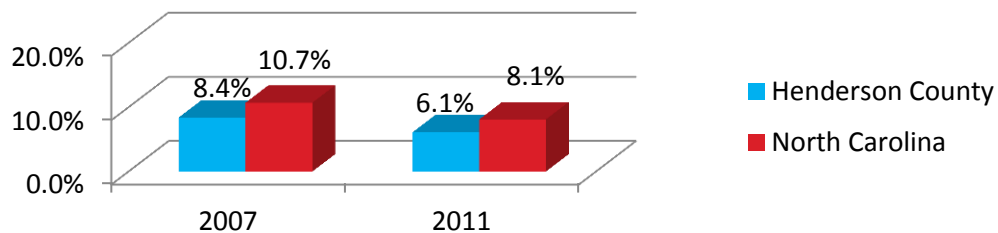
- **The number of children enrolled in public health insurance (i.e. Medicaid and NC Health Choice) in Henderson County has grown steadily from 8,413 in 2006, to 10,554 in 2010.** This shows a steady increase of children needing enrollment of available programs as well as a stronger awareness of what is available for those families in need. In addition to the data listed.
- In 2011, for those under 18 years of age, 9% had no health insurance coverage.
- A look at the long term data from 2004 to present shows that **48% of our county's children are enrolled in public health insurance which shows an increase from 39.7% in 2004 (43).**

## Low Birth Weight

A low-weight birth is defined as a live born infant weighing less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces at birth, regardless of the period of gestation. (Birth Weight Index recommended by the expert group on prematurity of the World Health Organization, 1950.)

- In 2011, 6.7% of live births in Henderson County were considered low. **In 2007, 8.4% of live births in Henderson County were considered low.**

### Children born with low birth weights



## Incidence of Prematurity

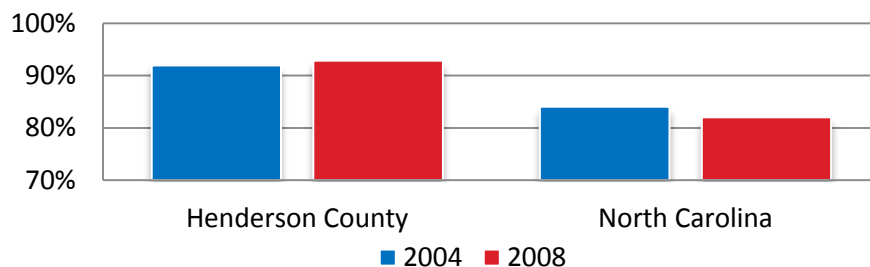
- In 2009, 191 babies were born prematurely in Henderson County.
- **In 2008, there were 124 premature babies born; 136 in 2007 (39).**

## Appropriate Prenatal Care

Over the past several years the number of women who received adequate prenatal care has slowly increased.

- Out of 1,071 births in Henderson County in 2011, 994 received prenatal care, nearly 93% (31). **During the four year period 2004-2008, the percentage of women who received adequate prenatal care changed in Henderson County from 91.9% to 92.8%. In North Carolina this percentage declined from 84.0% to 82.1% (30).**

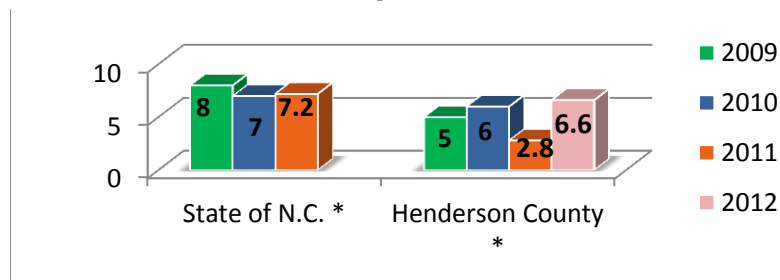
### Percentage of Women Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care



## Infant Mortality

The chart below shows that Henderson County showed a jump in infant mortality rates in 2010, but an overall lower rate from 2006 – 2010. State rates are included for comparison.

### Infant Mortality Rates \*deaths per 1,000



- The 2012-2013 infant mortality is 6.6 deaths per 1000. **In Henderson County the infant mortality rate has been as high as 10.1 in 2005 and as low at 4.0 in 2008.** The Healthy NC goal is 6.3. Statistically, it is difficult to measure data based on less than 10 deaths because the data is considered unstable. Looking at five year rates can provide more reliable data. The five-year infant mortality rate in Henderson County was 6.2, which is below the 2020 goal and less than the state and most of our peer counties.

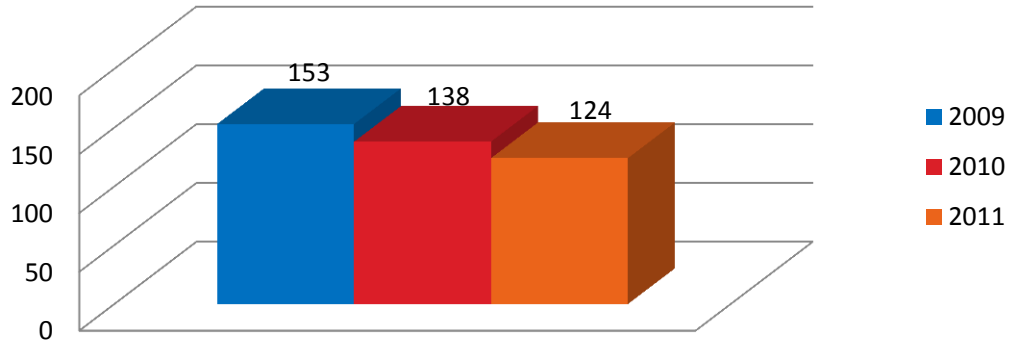
## Obesity Rates

- In 2010, 18.2% of children ages 2-4 were overweight and 14.1% were obese. In 2012, 16.1% of children ages 2-4 were overweight and 11.9% were obese.

## Teen Pregnancy Rate

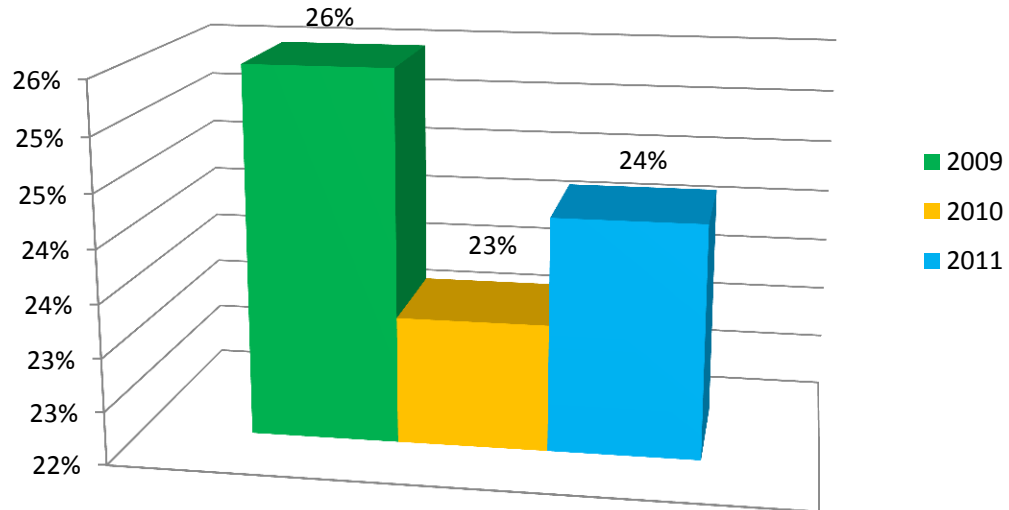
- In 2011 in Henderson County, there were 124 babies born to mothers 15-19 years of age. **This number shows a significant decrease from 2009, when 152 babies were born to mothers ages 15-19, a rate of 53% (rate is based on 1,000 teens).**

**Number of Births to Girls Ages 15-19 in Henderson County**



- In 2011 in Henderson County, 24% of the teen pregnancies for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 were repeat pregnancies. **This is a decrease from 26% in 2009.**

**Repeat Pregnancy Rates for Girls Ages 15-19 in Henderson County**



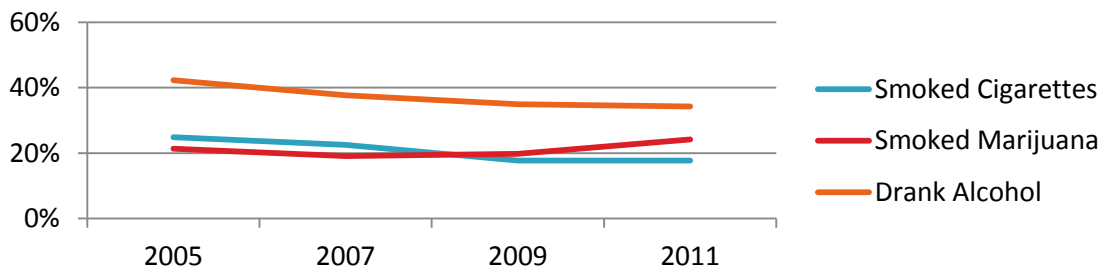
## Age Appropriate Immunizations

- North Carolina was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among the states in 2009 in the percentage of 2-year-old children who have received all age-appropriate immunizations (49).

- According to the North Carolina Child Health Report Card, 81.6% of North Carolina children ages 19-35 months completed appropriate immunizations in 2010, no change from the 2005 percentage. In 2010, 97% of North Carolina children were immunized by school entry (50).
- Henderson County ranked 68 out of 100 counties with 68% of people who receiving up to date immunizations.
- Note that these rates are based solely on data that has been entered into the NC Immunization Registry. This does not necessarily represent true immunization 'coverage', but rather 'compliance' with immunization data entry.

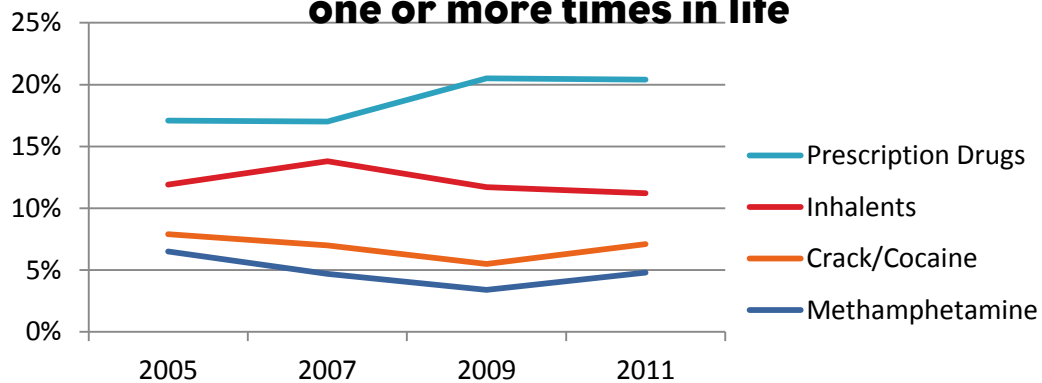
## Youth Reported Substance Abuse

### North Carolina High School Substance Abuse in the past 30 Days



- In 2011, 17.7% of North Carolina high school students admitted to smoking one or more cigarettes a day for the past 30 days (when the survey was administered), 34.3% of high school students had at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days, and 24.2% of high school students used marijuana in the last 30 days.

### Western North Carolina High School Students ages 15-17 who have used drugs one or more times in life



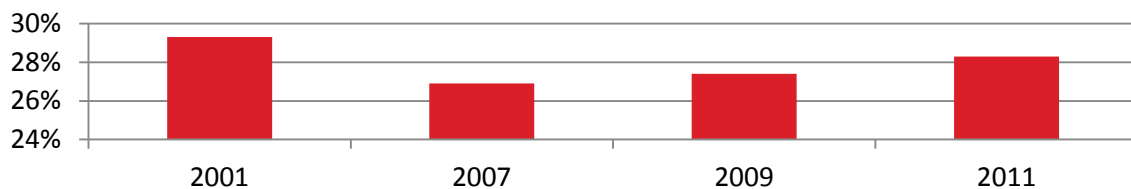


- Prescription drug use is on the rise in North Carolina high school students. In 2011, 28.4% of students ages 15-17 admitted to using drugs such as OxyContin, Percocet, Demerol, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life. This statistic is up 3.4% points from 2007.

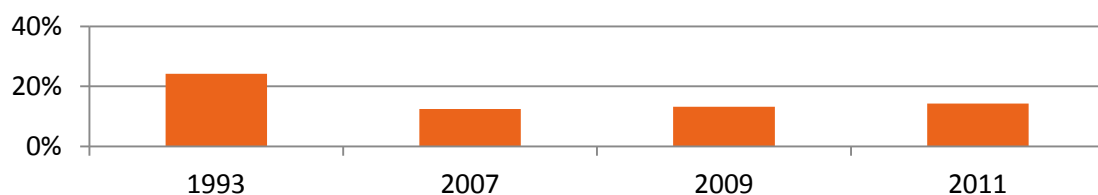
## Youth Reported Contemplating Suicide

- The Department of Health and Human Services' End of School Year School Nurse Report for the 2011-2012 school year, reported 9 students in Henderson County who attempted suicide.
- The North Carolina Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken in 2011, shows that the number of students seriously considering suicide has risen to 14.3% from 13% in 2007. The survey also shows that 28.3% of North Carolina high school students feel so sad or hopeless for more than two weeks in a row that they have stopped doing some of their usual activities.

### Percentage of NC High School Students who Felt Sad or Hopeless Almost Everyday (for 2 Weeks or More in a Row)



### NC High School Students who Seriously Considered Committing Suicide in the past 12 Months



## Access to Health in Schools School Nurses

- Currently there are ten school nurse positions, eight funded by Henderson County and two funded by the School Nurse Funding Initiative through the state.

- Henderson County’s ratio has increased significantly since 2005-2006, when the ratio was 1: 2,538.

### Henderson County School Nurse-to-Student Ratios by Year

School Year	2005-06	2007-2008	2010-2011
Henderson County	1 : 2,538	1 : 1,841	1 : 1,425
North Carolina	1: 1,571	1 : 1,250	1 : 1,201
National Recommendation	1: 750	1 : 750	1 : 750

### School-Based Health Center

There are four school-based health clinics operated by Blue Ridge Community Health Services in the Henderson County Public Schools. The clinics are located at Hillandale Elementary, Bruce Drysdale Elementary, Apple Valley Middle School and North Henderson High School.

- In 2011-2012, the School Based Health Centers served more than 2,500 Henderson County Public School Students and faculty with over 9,500 encounters for nursing, medical, mental health, and nutrition services.

### Access to Mental Health

- Mental Health Providers are serving students on-site in 12 out of 23 county schools. Blue Ridge Community Health Services’ four school-based health centers employ Licensed Clinical Social Workers to provide mental health/counseling services to students.
- Family Preservation Services also provides Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP’s) at Dana, Edneyville, Fletcher and Sugarloaf elementary schools, Flat Rock, Hendersonville, and Rugby Middle Schools, and Balfour. These QMHP’s provide intensive in-home teams that work with children in both the home and school environments.
- Henderson County School Psychologists work under the Exceptional Children Department and their primary purpose is to evaluate students.
- **The recommendation from the Student Support Act passed in 2009, states that the school counselor to student ratio should be 1 counselor to 250 students. Henderson County has 33 school counselors and 13,299 students, a ratio of 1: 403.**

Tele-mental Health Services started in August 2013 through collaboration with Henderson County Public Schools and Blue Ridge Community Health Services. A licensed mental health counselor will receive the referral from the school and will have a face-to-face meeting with the student to make sure tele-mental health services are an appropriate mode of communication for counseling services. Afterwards, the student has access for counseling services via tele-mental health whenever the appointments are scheduled.

# **Effective Education**

**Along with a healthy start, an effective education that builds skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century job market is the core resource that has received a great deal of public attention in recent years.**

**All children and youth need and deserve the intellectual development, motivation and marketable skills that equip them for successful work and lifelong learning. These result from having quality learning environments, challenging expectations and consistent guidance and mentoring.**

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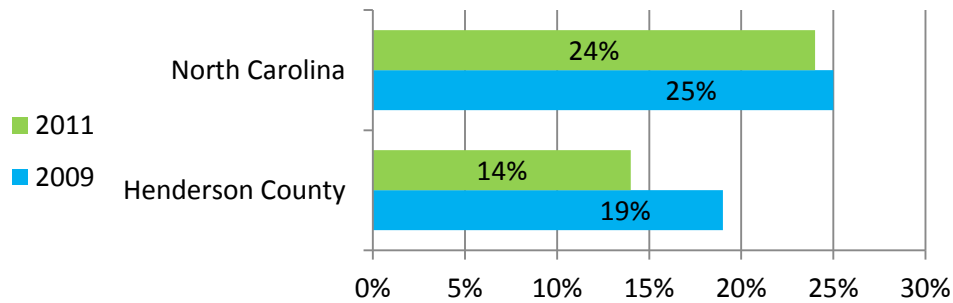
**Early Childhood Education  
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Crime and Violence in Schools  
End of Grade Scores  
Graduation Rate  
Standardized Test Scores  
ACT & SAT Scores  
Business/School Partnerships  
Students Attending Post-  
Secondary Education**



## Early Childhood Education Centers/Preschools/Homes

Henderson County has 70 licensed childcare programs: 48 centers and 22 family childcare homes.

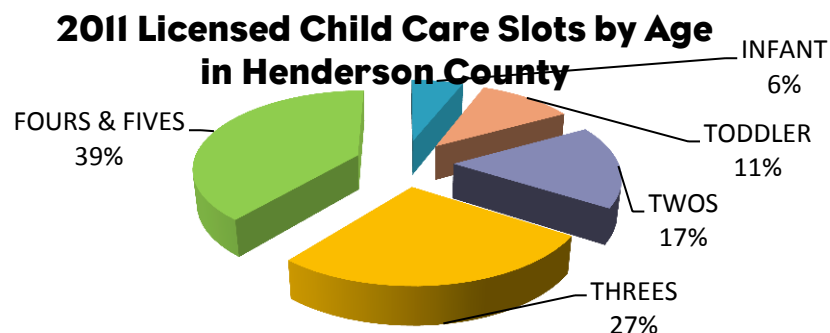
### Percentage of Children Ages (0-5) Enrolled in Regulated Child Care



## Infant Care

- In 2013, 34 out of 70 licensed child care centers serve infants in our county. A survey of child care providers indicated that the high cost of providing infant care is the most common deterrent to serving infants (99).
- In 2012, Mountain Child Care Connections Referral Service reported that of the 151 referral calls for child care in Henderson County, 26% requested infant care (0-12 months) information (97).
- Of the approximately 1500 licensed child care slots in Henderson County in 2011, only 108 were available for infants (98). **In 2006, there were 100 slots total for infant care.**

Of the approximately 1500 licensed child care slots available in Henderson County for children 0 to 5 years old, the breakdown by age follows:



## Quality Child Care

### Average Star Rating of Child Placements in Regulated Child Care (measured on a 5-star scale)

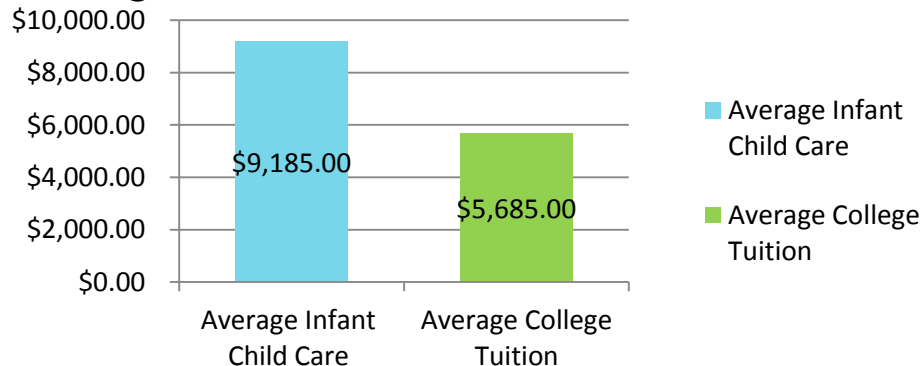
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2012-2013
Henderson County	3.54	3.79	3.89	4.12	4.41
North Carolina	3.64	3.74	3.84	3.95	

- Of all the licensed programs in the county, **85% of centers and 50% of homes have a 4 or 5 star rating.**

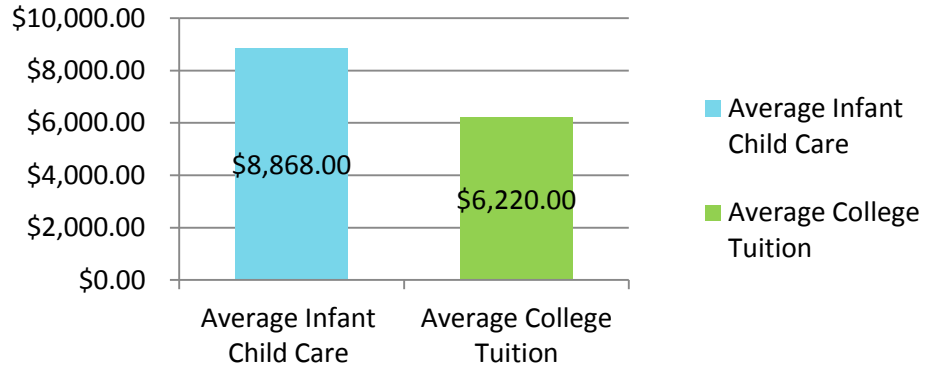
## Affordability

- Based on data from Child Care Aware Study from 2011, North Carolina ranks #16 on the list of states with the Least Affordable Child Care Costs. The 2012 study shows North Carolina ranks #20 for the Least Affordable Child Care Costs (128).
- In North Carolina, the annual cost of two children in day care is 13.4% more than the average annual mortgage payments (128).
- In 2011, the average cost of infant childcare in North Carolina \$9,185, while the average tuition and fees at a Public College were \$5,685 (128).
- In 2012, the average cost of infant child care in North Carolina was \$8,868, while the average tuition and fees at a Public College were \$6,220 (128).

### College Tuition Cost vs. Child Care Cost 2011

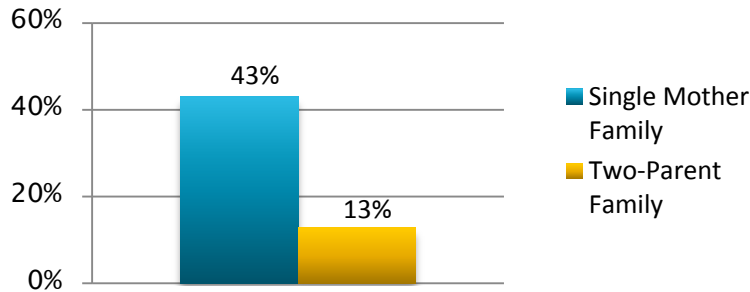


## College Tuition Cost vs. Child Care Cost 2012



- Infant child care consumes 13% of a family’s budget in a dual-income household. It consumes 43% of the budget in a single-income household.

## Family Budget Consumption for Infant Child Care Costs



- According to the “Status of Women in North Carolina Report” (August 2012) single mother households have the lowest median annual income in NC, at just \$20,393. That means that child care for an infant costs almost half of the median income for single mothers.

## Child Care Subsidy

North Carolina's Division of Child Development uses a combination of state and federal funds to provide subsidized child care services to eligible families through a locally administered state-supervised voucher system. Annually each county receives a combination of state and federal funding from the Division of Child Development for subsidized child care services. The amount of funding allocated to each county is determined by legislation.

- In 2011, **58% of children (ages 0-5) in regulated care received a subsidy**; the state percentage was 32.6%. **In 2005, 49% of children (ages 0-5) in regulated care received a subsidy; the state percentage was 35.5%.**

- As of May 2012, 767 Henderson County children received subsidy for childcare (103). **As of April 2007, 1037 Henderson County children were receiving subsidy for childcare.**

## Kindergarten Readiness

- 53% percent of Henderson County kindergarteners are at risk for reading achievement in terms of letter naming and initial letter sounds based on an assessment administered in the first 21 days of the school year, compared with 42% of state kindergarteners. 59% percent of kindergarteners are at risk for reading achievement in terms of reading comprehension based on an assessment administered in the first 21 days of the school year, compared with 53% of state kindergarteners.

## End of Grade Scores

- The 3rd-5th grade EOG math score for Henderson County Public Schools in the 2011-2012 school year showed 88.9% of students scoring proficient. This is higher than the state scores of 83.3% proficient, **but down from the 2008-2009 school year when the proficiency score was 89.6%.**
- The 3rd-5th EOG reading score for the Henderson County Public Schools in the 2011-2012 school year showed 79.1% of students scoring proficient. This is higher than the state scores of 70.9% proficient, **and higher than the 2008-2009 school year when the proficiency score was 77.2%.**
- The 6th-8th grade EOG math score for Henderson County Public Schools in the 2011-2012 school year showed 88.3% of students scoring proficient, higher than the state scores of 82.3% proficient, **but down from the 2008-2009 school year when the proficiency score was 91.4%.**
- The 6th-8th grade EOG reading score for Henderson County Public Schools in the 2011-2012 school year showed 80% of students scoring proficient, higher than the state scores of 71.5% proficient, **and lower than the 2008-2009 school year when the proficiency score was 82%.**

Grade Span	Content	2011 - 2012		2010-2011		2009-2010		2008-2009	
		HCPS	NC	HCPS	NC	HCPS	NC	HCPS	NC
3 - 5	Math	88.9	83.3	88.9	82.6	88.3	82	89.6	81
	Reading	79.1	70.9	77.1	70.5	77	69.7	77.2	67.7
6 - 8	Math	88.3	82.3	88.5	82.1	91	81.5	91.4	79
	Reading	80	71.5	79.6	70.9	82	70.5	82	67.5
Average*	Math	88.9	82.8	88.7	82.4	89.7	81.8	90.5	80
	Reading	79.6	71.2	78.4	70.7	79.5	70.1	79.6	67.6

Notes: All numbers percent proficient. Average is unweighted.

## Crime and Violence in Schools

The most frequently reported reportable acts in North Carolina high schools were:

- possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law
- possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives
- possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- The number of acts of crime and violence by high school students in North Carolina decreased by 152 from 2010-11 to 2011-12. The rate of acts reported (per 1000 students) decreased 3.1%.

### Acts of Crime and Violence

	Average Daily Student Count 9-13	Reportable Acts	Reportable Act Rates (per 1000 students)
Henderson County	3,921	39	9.95
North Carolina Schools	1,481,913	5,980	14.15

## Graduation Rate

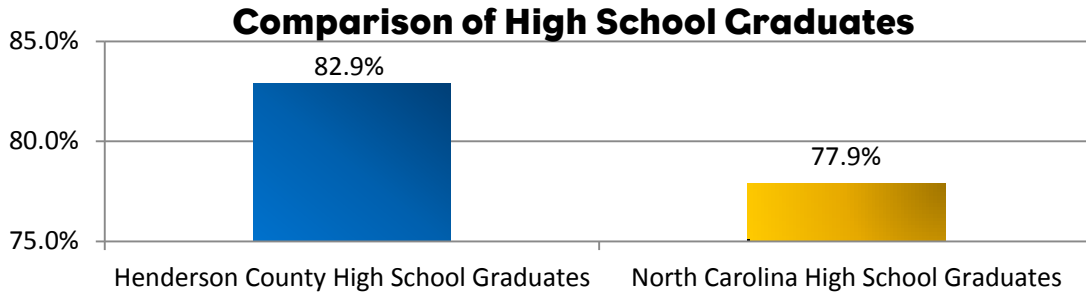
- High schools in North Carolina reported a dropout rate of 3.01%, a 12.2% decrease from the 3.43% rate reported from the previous year.

### Dropout Rates

School District	Count for 2010-2011	Count for 2011-2012	% Change	Rate for 2010-2011	Rate for 2011-2012
Henderson	92	107	16.3	2.28	2.58
North Carolina	15,342	13,488	12.2	3.43	3.01

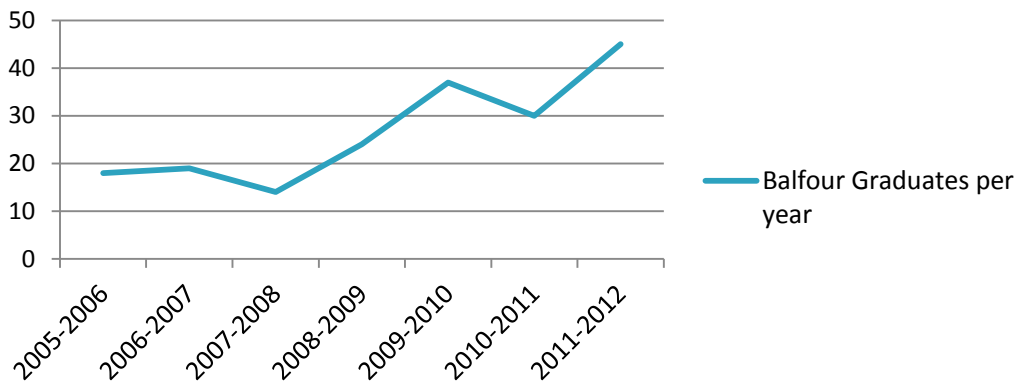
- The annual dropout rate is calculated using one year of data (12<sup>th</sup> grade) while the graduation rate is calculated using four years of data (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- The cohort graduation rate in Henderson County is 82.9%; above the average for North Carolina of 77.9% for the 2010-2011 school year. In 2007, 992 Henderson County students entered ninth grade and 822 students graduated in 2011 (19). The cohort graduation rate illustrates what percentage of 9<sup>th</sup> graders graduate from high school four years later.
- **For the 2005-2006 school year, the cohort graduation rate was 74.5%, above the state average of 68.1%**





- The Balfour Education Center has provided an alternative educational experience, ensuring students have the opportunity to excel and become contributing members of society. Balfour has succeeded in adding to the number of high school graduates in Henderson County.

### Balfour Graduates per year



## ACT Scores/SAT Scores

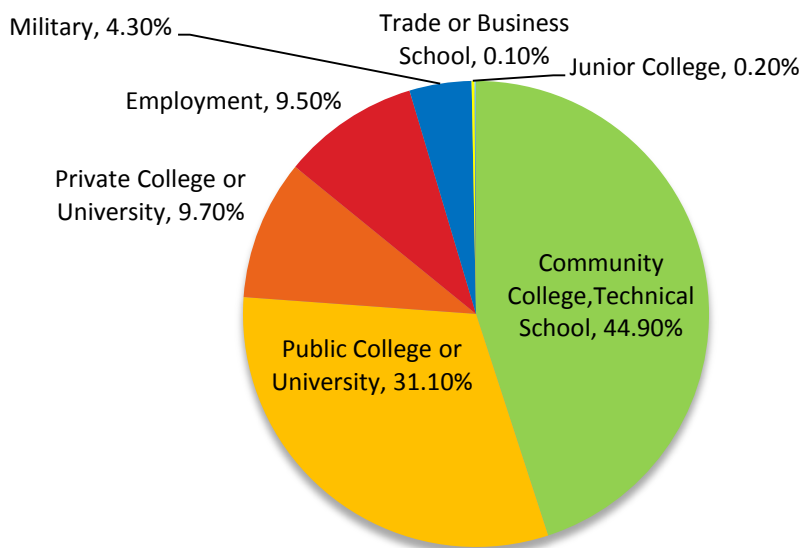
- In 2012, all high school juniors took the ACT for the first time as part of the state’s new READY accountability model. This means that students can use their ACT results for college admission and not have to pay to take a college entrance exam. The Henderson County Public Schools had 840 students take the ACT. The Henderson County Public Schools composite score of 19.6 for the ACT was the ninth highest ACT score of the 115 LEAs in the State and was above the State average of 18.7. The National average of 20.9 includes scores from states that do not require all students to take the test as well as from states that do require all students to take the test. North Carolina is now one of only nine states requiring all students to take the ACT.
- The average combined 2013 SAT score for Henderson County Public Schools is 1,514, which is above the State combined average score of 1,479 and above the national combined average score of 1,498. SAT scores for the Henderson County Public Schools have consistently ranked in the top 20 school districts in the state with this year’s score being the sixteenth highest out of the 115 school districts across the state. In 2012, the Henderson County Public Schools had the ninth highest SAT score and in 2011 the district had to tenth highest SAT score in the state.

**SAT scores from 2009-2012**  
**Out of 2400 for critical reading, mathematics, writing**

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Henderson County</b>	1544	1518	1532	1514
<b>North Carolina</b>	1486	1485	1475	
<b>United States</b>	1509	1509	1500	1498

## Students Attending Post-Secondary Education

### Henderson County High School Graduate Intentions



- The University of North Carolina provides data from the fall of 2010; it provides a look showing how well students in the graduating class of 2010 are doing. Henderson County graduated 801 students in 2010. Of those 801 graduates 354 or 44.2% applied to UNC system schools. 29.5% were accepted with a total of 141 enrolling.

# Opportunities to Help Others

**All children and youth need and deserve the chance to make a difference — in their families, schools, communities, nation and world — through having models of caring behavior, awareness of the needs of others, a sense of personal responsibility to contribute to the larger society, and opportunities for volunteering, leadership and service.**

**The following are indicators we will use to evaluate our community and find out where we need improvement and change in order to create a better place for the children of Henderson County:**

**Youth Supported Volunteerism  
Youth Engaged in Contributing  
to Community**



There are ample opportunities for youth to volunteer and contribute to Henderson County as a community. Some of the local organizations that serve the youth of Henderson County are listed below:

- Henderson County Public Schools
  - Service & Leadership Clubs/Activities
- Henderson County Public Library
- Civic Clubs
  - Interact
  - Kiwanettes
  - Key Club
- Youth Councils
  - Henderson County 4-H Youth Council
  - Adolescent Parenting Program Leadership Council
- Boys & Girls Club
- Adolescent Parenting Program - Children & Family Resource Center – teens serving
- Salvation Army – YES Program
- Boys & Girls Club – provides volunteer opportunities for the youth in their program.
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girls Scouts
- Council on Aging – volunteer opportunities for youth
- St. Gerard House –volunteer opportunities for youth
- Voices for Youth
- Henderson County Youth Council
- Real Skills for Life – a program at Balfour School
- “Kids at work”-a part of Aspire
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Faith based youth groups

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