

Ritchie County, WV



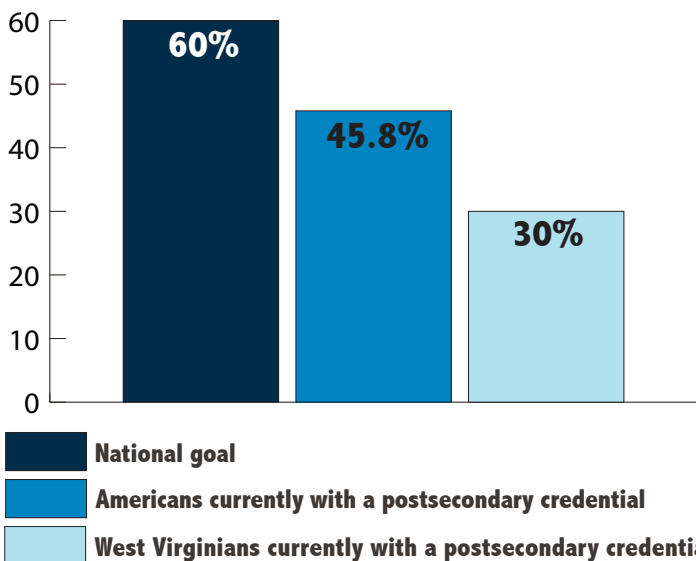
DEFINING “COLLEGE”

Any form of high-quality education or training beyond high school.

This includes certificate programs, workforce training, apprenticeship programs, two- and four-year degree programs, and military service.

THE GOAL

The goal is to ensure that at least 60 percent of Americans have some sort of degree, certificate, or other postsecondary credential by 2025. This is to keep up with changing workforce demands that require education or training beyond high school to fill positions.¹



COLLEGE READINESS

Three out of every ten first time college freshmen in Ritchie County are not college ready.² Students who are not college ready may be required to take supplemental courses that help them fill in the knowledge gap to successfully complete college-level coursework.



CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES AWARDED

to students from Ritchie County, for Fall 2016-Spring 2017 semesters³



JOB OUTLOOK

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Below are the largest employers in the county⁴:

- Simonton Industries, Inc.
- Ritchie County Board of Education
- Hall Drilling, LLC
- Pine View Nursing and Convalescent Home, Inc.
- Trenton Energy, LLC

Approximately 4,130 people in the county are employed.

WORKFORCE PARTNERS

These businesses are partnering with regional Workforce programs⁴:

- Hino Motors
- The Ross Foundation
- Chemours
- iTech
- Westbrook Health Services

EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK

COLLEGE-GOING RATE

44%

Ritchie County, Class of 2017⁵



85% of high school seniors in Randolph County graduated from high school in 2017.

TOP COLLEGE CHOICES

Below are the top three college and university choices for students in this county⁶:

- West Virginia University at Parkersburg
- West Virginia University
- Glenville State College

