**2017 POLK COUNTY**

**COUNTY FAST FACTS**

- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS** from Polk county enrolled at UNC System institutions: **217**
- **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL** students enrolled at UNC System institutions: **18**
- **MORE THAN 110,000 STUDENTS** are enrolled in UNC System Online courses throughout North Carolina

**RESIDENTS IN YOUR COUNTY**

- UNC System Employees: **7**
- UNC System Alumni: **1,184**

**COOPERATIVE IMPACT**

Cooperative Extension agents provide information that enhances agriculture, forest, and food systems, develops responsible youth, builds quality communities, and conserves and improves the environment and natural resources.

NC State and NC A&T amassed nearly **84,000** contacts, creating an economic impact of approximately **$3,800,000** in the county.

**CONSULTING SUCCESS**

The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses in North Carolina.

- SBTDC provided **4** businesses in Polk County with business management, finance, and marketing consulting.

**HEALTHCARE UPDATE**

- North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) provided continuing education and training for **150** health providers, facilitated **5** medical student rotations at area hospitals, and arranged for additional medical training for **1** health students in the county.
- A total of **$976,853** in uncompensated medical care was provided to county residents.

**SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION**

The Western Carolina University School of Education partnered with local schools in the County to improve professional development for teachers, school administrators, counselors, and other educational professionals. The partnership was also designed to renew and improve school curriculum, conduct educational research that improves classroom practice, and share best practices.

The UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government made **252** contacts with Polk County citizens and officials through course participation, publication purchases, teaching sessions, advising projects, a North Carolina benchmarking project, a civic education consortium, and environmental finance advising projects.

**LEFT:** Percentage of North Carolina public high school graduates from the county who applied and were accepted to at least one UNC System institution.

**RIGHT:** Percentage of undergraduate students from the county using financial aid.

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## 2017 Undergraduate/Graduate Enrollment by Institution

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## 2017 Undergraduate Degrees Awarded by Area of Study

- **Natural Sciences (25.0%)**
- **Behavioral Sciences (25.0%)**
- **Humanities (16.7%)**
- **Health Professions (13.9%)**
- **Business (11.1%)**
- **Education (8.3%)**

## Research in Action

Approximately $96,000 in research grants have been awarded to Polk County-based projects. Thanks to this funding, Appalachian State, East Carolina, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, NC Central, North Carolina A&T, NC State, UNC Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, Western Carolina currently have research initiatives underway that affect county residents.

## Statewide System Facts

- **$1.5 billion** : Grants for Research and Sponsored Programs
- **910,997** : Number of patients served by UNC physicians
- **167,481** : Number of patients served by ECU physicians
- **88%** of UNC students are from North Carolina
- **30%** of undergraduate students are transfer students, with half arriving from community colleges
- **12%** of students attend college part-time
- **42%** of UNC students are over the age of 21

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