# Haywood County-Quality of Life

*Haywood County is a vibrant, growing community in the mountains of Western North Carolina, offering abundant amenities to a diversity of residents and visitors.*

- *Location*
  - A short driving distance to five different states, two international airports, four regional airports and three state capitals.
  - Within an 8-hour drive of 66.8 million Americans and 28.7 million households.
- *Education*
  - Home to fifteen public schools, one charter school, five private schools and a community college.
  - Local area offers two state public universities, two public community colleges and three private not-for-profit colleges.
- *Housing*
  - Total housing stock of nearly 35,000 residential housing units.
  - Average of $23.3 million is invested each quarter in new and upgraded housing, adding an average of 57 new homes quarterly.
  - An average of 330 home sales close each quarter, while roughly 230 homes are available for sale.
- *Population*
  - A total   population of 62,089, projected to add 5,842 new residents by 2030.
  - More than 26,600 households comprised of 17,170 families and 4,566 persons choosing to live alone.
- *Business*
  - Home to 1,633 businesses with paid employees and another 5,000 self-employed firms.
  - Over 223 retail establishments and 122 restaurants & drinking places
  - Total workforce of slightly more than 29,000.
- *Climate*
  - Mild climate with an average daily temperature of 52.8°
  - Average annual precipitation of 47.7"
  - Average annual snowfall of 11.9"
- *Recreation*
  - Home to portions of the Pisgah National Forest, Shining Rock Wilderness Area, Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
  - Four golf courses, a ski area, several museums, theaters and movie houses.
- *Healthcare*
  - Home to a 155-bed regional hospital, a walk-in clinic, two urgent care centers and a hospice & palliative care center.
  - Local providers include 24 physician offices, 18 dentist offices, and offices of 23 other health practitioners.