

Gates County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)
Charter Schools: 0 (2023)

2030 Proposed Gates County Attainment Goal: 1,710 (Stretch Goal: 1,739)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 10,475
2022 Estimate: 10,383
Change: -92

Growth Rate

-0.9% County vs. 2.5% State



\$66,561
Median Household Income (2022)
State: \$67,516



80%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%



20.9%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%



9.8%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%



59%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%



3.5%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment

Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2022

Less than high school High school graduate (including GED) Some college, no credential Short-term credential Associate degree Bachelor's degree Graduate or professional degree

No Degree
1,566
72.2%

Have Degree or Credential
602
27.8%



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Top Opportunities for Growth

These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Gates County to improve future attainment outcomes.



Adult Learners

25% of Gates County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.



FAFSA Completion

51% of Gates County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 58%.



Chronic Absenteeism

33% of Gates County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - metro county average of 29%.

Promising Attainment Practices

The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state's attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Gates County has been meeting local needs:

https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Gates

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

72.2%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor's
Health Science below bachelor's
Business Management & Administration bachelor's



13 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

632 graduates in 2020

62% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021

\$33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

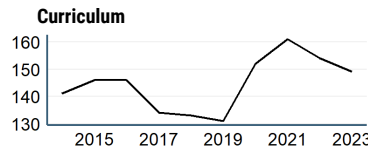


38% of adults (ages 25-44) in Gates County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

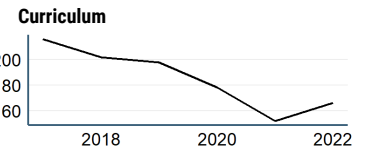
Gates County is served by:

Northeastern Workforce Development Board
Albemarle Commission

UNC System College Enrollment



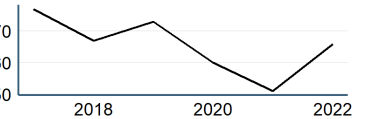
NC Community College Enrollment



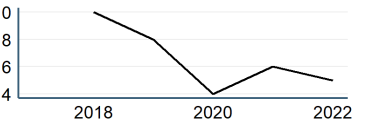
Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	4%
Medical and Health Services Managers	3%
Logisticians	2%

First-time Curriculum Enrollments



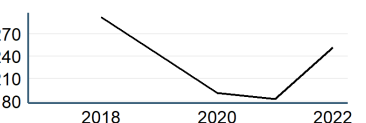
Basic Skills



Top 3 Employers in Gates County

Employer	Employment Range
Gates County Board Of Education	250-499
Gates County	100-249
Ashton Lewis Lumber Co Inc	50-99

Continuing Education



Adult Learners

Elizabeth City Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 90 Basic Skills
- 2,045 Continuing Education
- 388 Curriculum

14% of Gates County residents have student loan debt; 0% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

Success of Gates County High School Graduates

- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 58% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 56% in peer counties. 2022

Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- 204 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 39 of all college-goers attended Roanoke-Chowan CC
- 23 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

51% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 32 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%. 2023

59% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022

54% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022

52% of Gates County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

How students in Gates County traditional schools are doing:

- Gates County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 23% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 428 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 391 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 11 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 335 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Gates County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 203:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2023

0% of students drop out of high school (0 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

274 certificate | 349 associate | 331 bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone sub-region

Public, 4-year or above
Elizabeth City State University

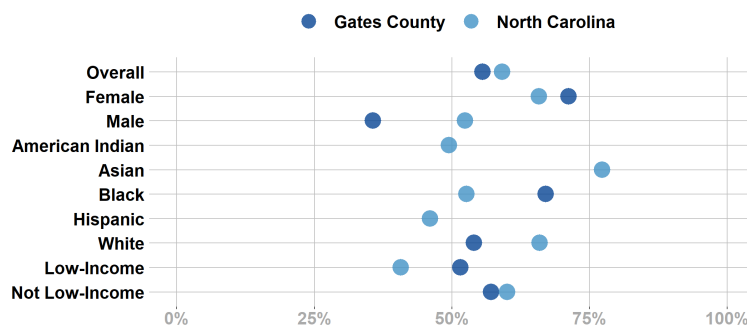
Public, 2-year
College of the Albemarle

Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
Mid-Atlantic Christian University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Gates County, 2022

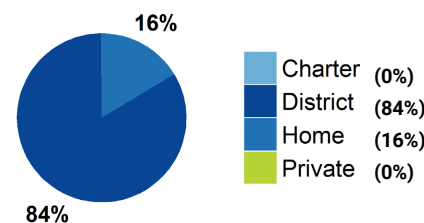


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

School Choice

1,717 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Gates County in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Gates County completed 702 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (80 (11%) were industry-valued credentials) and 86 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

Less than 10 high school students took at least one AP test (NA) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).

35 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (31%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/