

Edgecombe County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

Educational Attainment

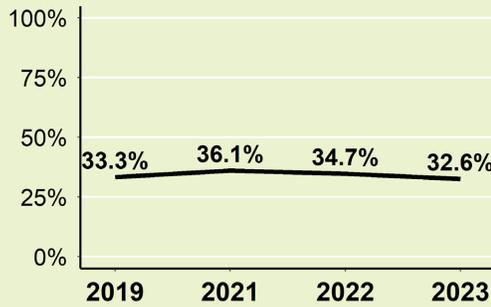
Edgecombe County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
3,718
32.6%

No Degree
7,693
67.4%

Residents Ages 25-44
11,411

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



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

2030 Proposed Edgecombe County Attainment Goal: 5,762 (Stretch Goal: 5,870)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 48,898
2023 Estimate: 48,832
Change: -66

Growth Rate

-0.1% vs. 3.8%
County State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.3%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0.3%
Black 55.8%
Hispanic 5.8%
Multiracial 2.5%
White 35.2%

\$49,972
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838

59.4%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%

61.5%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%

37.9%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%

28.8%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%

3.1%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

36% of Edgecombe County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the rural - metro county average of 47%.

In Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.4%

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

Top Misalignments

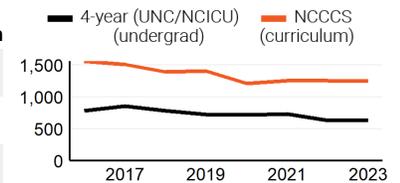
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- Education & Training Jobs < Creds
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs > Creds
- Health Science Jobs > Creds

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Data Scientists	4.12%
Information Security Analysts	3.53%
Nurse Practitioners	3.43%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Edgecombe County Residents



9 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

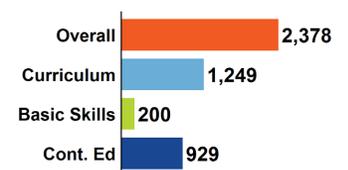
UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

1,229 graduates in 2020
79.4% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$41,742 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

Top 3 Employers in Edgecombe County

Employer	Employment Range
City of Rocky Mount	1000+
Edgecombe Tarboro Board of Education	500-999
Sara Lee Frozen Bakery LLC	500-999

Edgecombe County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

36.0% of adults (ages 25-44) in Edgecombe County earned a **family sustaining wage**. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

19.9% of youth (ages 16-24) in Edgecombe County were **Opportunity Youth**. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

81.3% of adults (ages 25-44) in Edgecombe County **participated in the labor force**. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

Top 3 industries in Edgecombe County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Manufacturing	3,250 21.0%
Public Administration	2,252 14.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,870 12.1%

Edgecombe County is served by:

- Turning Point Workforce Development Board
- Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Postsecondary Completion

48% of Edgecombe County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary education earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural - metro county average of 57%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

749 certificate | 805 associate | 590 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Edgecombe County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

119 Basic Skills
852 Continuing Education
338 Curriculum

19.9% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023



17.4% of Edgecombe County residents have student loan debt. 1.7% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Edgecombe County High School Graduates

72.8% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

81.2% UNC | 62.7% NCCCS | 76.5% NCICU

48.4% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

24.2% UNC | 16.6% NCCCS | <5% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 1,532 of all college-goers attended Edgecombe CC
- 519 of all college-goers attended Nash CC
- 132 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

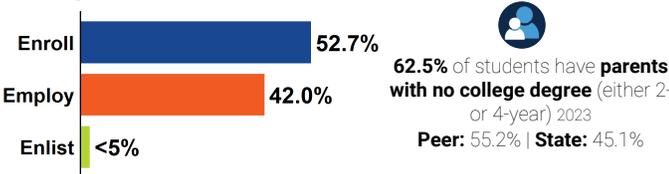


High School Graduation

79% of Edgecombe County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - metro county average of 86%.

57.3% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 69 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

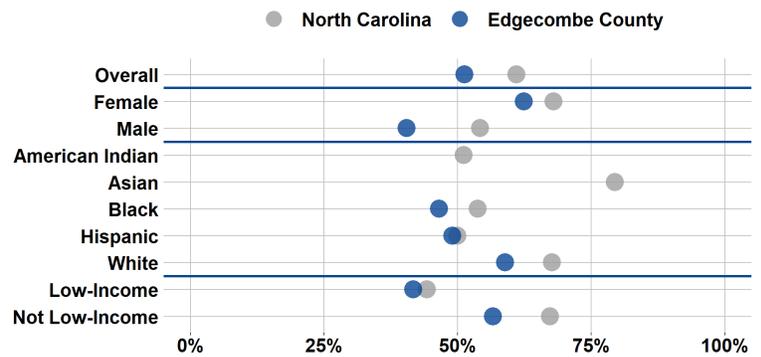
Post High School Graduation Intentions



78.8% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 70 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

49.6% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Edgecombe County, 2023



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

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



Math Performance

16% of Edgecombe County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - metro county average of 32%.

61.4% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 54 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2%

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Edgecombe County Traditional Public Schools students:

13.6% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 1,343 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

16.4% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 1,570 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

35.5% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 1,338 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

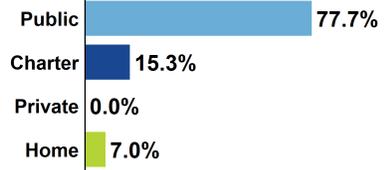
Edgecombe County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 301:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

4.4% of students drop out of high school (80 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 15
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 0
Home School(s): 288

6,571 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 491 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 355 concentrations. 184 (37.5%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Hospitality & Tourism; Human Services; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.

149 (9.1%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

164 (46.1%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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