

Gates County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro

Educational Attainment

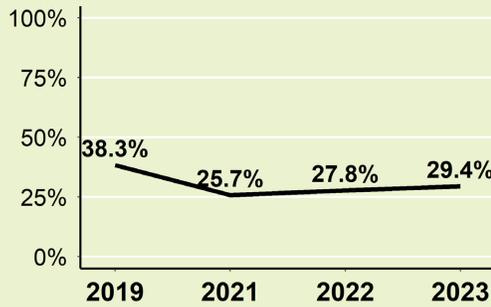
Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
595
29.4%

No Degree
1,427
70.6%

Residents Ages 25-44
2,022

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 10,478
2023 Estimate: 10,343
Change: -135

Growth Rate

-1.3% vs. 3.8%
County State

Race/Ethnicity

Amer. Indian 0.5%
Asian/Pac. Isl. 0%
Black 31.1%
Hispanic 2.1%
Multiracial 3%
White 63.4%



\$64,047
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



82.3%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



59.7%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



11.2%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



10.9%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



1.3%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Family Sustaining Wage

34% of Gates County adults 25-44 earn a family sustaining wage, below the rural - metro county average of 47%.

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.4%

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

Top Misalignments

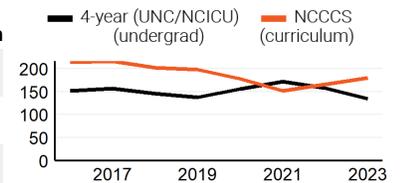
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

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

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

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	3.80%
Medical and Health Services Managers	2.77%
Logisticians	2.54%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Gates County Residents



0 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

632 graduates in 2020
61.5% 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), 2021

34.4% of adults (ages 25-44) in Gates County earned a **family sustaining wage**. Peer: 46.7% | State: 57.6%, 2023

10.2% of youth (ages 16-24) in Gates County were **Opportunity Youth**. Peer: 14.8% | State: 10.3%, 2023

81.7% of adults (ages 25-44) in Gates County **participated in the labor force**. Peer: 80.7% | State: 84.2%, 2023

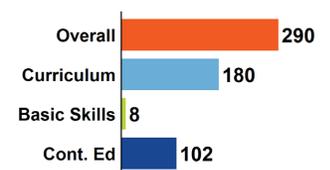
Top 3 Employers in Gates County

Employer	Employment Range
Gates County Board of Education	250-499
Green Forestry LLC	100-249
Gates County	100-249

Top 3 industries in Gates County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	222 15.1%
Retail Trade	185 12.6%
Manufacturing	158 10.8%

Gates County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Gates County is served by:

- Northeastern Workforce Development Board
- Albemarle Commission

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

27% of Gates County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 16%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

285 certificate | 367 associate | 397 bachelor's

Adult Learners

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

- 2 Basic Skills
- 98 Continuing Education
- 39 Curriculum

27.1% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 16.0% | State: 11.7%, 2023

15.2% of Gates County residents have student loan debt, 0.0% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2024

Success of Gates County High School Graduates

90.7% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 80.1% | State: 83.8%, 2023

95.0% UNC | 72.7% NCCCS | NA NCICU

52.5% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 57.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

21.3% UNC | 10.0% NCCCS | 7.5% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 205 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 39 of all college-goers attended East Carolina University
- 37 of all college-goers attended Roanoke-Chowan CC

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

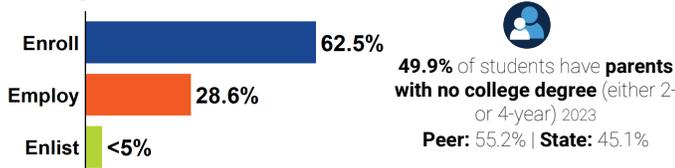


Postsecondary Enrollment

41% of Gates County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the rural - metro county average of 52%.

44.4% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 42 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 52.0% | State: 55.0%

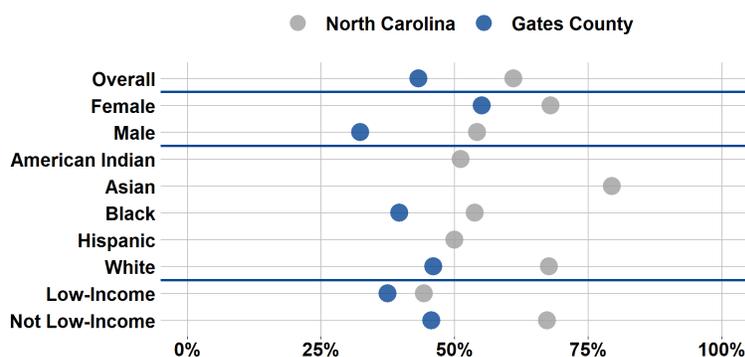
Post High School Graduation Intentions



89.1% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 8 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

41.5% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.0% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Gates 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

25% of Gates County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - metro county average of 32%.

Gates County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (Goal: 75%) Peer: 61.7% | State: 57.2% 2024

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

Gates County Traditional Public Schools students:

20.0% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 348 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 25.3% | State: 29.8%

25.1% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 400 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 32.3% | State: 36.5%

30.7% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 290 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.4% | State: 25.7%

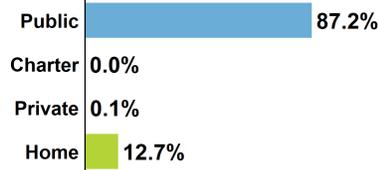
Gates County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 271:1 compared to 352:1 in peer counties. 2024

0.0% of students drop out of high school (0 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide. 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
 Traditional Public School(s): 5
 Charter School(s): 0
 Private School(s): 1
 Home School(s): 105

1,582 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 702 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 86 concentrations. 80 (11.4%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

Less than 10 (<5%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).

48 (40.7%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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