Edgecombe County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 48,897
2022 Estimate: 48,301
Change: -596

Growth Rate
-1.2% vs. 2.5%

County State

$48,770 Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516
62% Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%
36.7% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%
18.7% Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%
62% Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%
6.5% Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Edgecombe County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree Have Degree or Credential
7,438 65.3%
3,957 34.7%

12% Less than high school
37% High school graduate (including GED)
17% Some college, no credential
8% Short-term credential
9% Associate degree
14% Bachelor’s degree
4% Graduate or professional degree

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

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Edgecombe County to improve future attainment outcomes.

Math Performance
15% of Edgecombe County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - metro county average of 30%.

Reading Performance
15% of Edgecombe County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - metro county average of 26%.

High School Graduation
77% of Edgecombe County 9th graders complete high school in 4 years or less, below the rural - metro county average of 85%.

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 Edgecombe County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Edgecombe

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Edgecombe County is served by:
Turning Point Workforce Development Board
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments
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**Basic Skills**

- 2,130 Continuing Education
- 1,259 Curriculum

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**Success of Edgecombe County High School Graduates**

- 75% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 49% 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**

- 1,642 of all college-goers attended Edgecombe CC
- 481 of all college-goers attended Nash CC
- 136 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

**Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022**

- 757 certificate
- 856 associate
- 633 bachelor’s

**Postsecondary assets in Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone sub-region**

- Public, 4-year or above
  - Edgecombe Community College, Nash Community College, Wilson Community College
- Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above
  - Barton College, North Carolina Wesleyan University
- Private not-for-profit, 2-year

**Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Edgecombe County, 2022**

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

**How students in Edgecombe County traditional schools are doing:**

- 53% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, compared to 53% statewide; 95 more needed to meet state goal of 80% in 2023
- 15% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,690 more needed to meet state goal of 73% in 2023
- 15% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,676 more needed to meet state goal of 86% in 2023
- 77% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 83 more needed to meet state goal of 95% in 2023
- 33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,256 less needed to meet state goal of 11% in 2022
- Edgecombe County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 345:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2022
- 5% of students drop out of high school (98 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

**School Choice**

- 6,647 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Edgecombe County in the 2022-23 school year.

**Access to Postsecondary Credits**

- Students in Edgecombe County completed 234 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 190 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Business Management & Administration; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.
- 85 high school students took at least one AP course (5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2022).
- 264 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (39%) versus 31% in peer counties (2022).

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For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit: dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/