Edgecombe County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Edgecombe County Attainment Goal: 5,762 (48%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 56,652
2020 Census: 48,900
Change: -7,652

Growth Rate
-13.5% vs. 9.5%
County State

$45,156 Median Household Income (2020)
36.4% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
73% Households with Broadband (2020)
62% Home Owners (2020)
75% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
8.5% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Educational Attainment
Edgecombe County residents ages 25-44, 2020

- No Degree: 64.1% 7,695
- Have Degree or Credential: 35.9% 4,317

Math Performance
14% of Edgecombe County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural metro county average of 28%.

Reading Performance
13% of Edgecombe County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural metro county average of 25%.

Postsecondary Completion
45% of Edgecombe County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools) -4.7% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20
Postsecondary Enrollment -12.0% 2021 vs. 2020
FAFSA Completion -2.8% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19
Postsecondary Intentions -18.1% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

How students in Edgecombe County traditional schools are currently doing:

To meet state goals, each year Edgecombe County needs:

- 63 more eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program (goal: 75% vs. 60%). 2022
- 1,522 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 13%). 2022
- 1,834 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 14%). 2022
- 46 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 85%). 2021
- 1,334 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 36%). 2021

Edgecombe County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 312:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

School Choice
6,737 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Edgecombe County in the 2021-22 school year.

Career and College Preparation
75 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Edgecombe County completed 215 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Hospitality & Tourism.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Edgecombe County, 2021

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
**Success of Edgecombe County High School Graduates**

**Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020**

- 35% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 12% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 51% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 63% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 45% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

**Edgecombe County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021**

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- 16% of Edgecombe County residents have student loan debt; 25% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

**In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:**

**78.6%** of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

**Top areas of misalignment:**

- Health Science (all levels)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor’s)
- Finance (bachelor’s)

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**UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**

- 1,229 graduates in 2020
- 79% 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)

**In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:**

- 8,274 in Basic Services
- 4,021 in Career Services
- 408 in Education Services

- 17.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Edgecombe County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

**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

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

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