

# Edgecombe County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Rocky Mount-Wilson  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro  
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)  
Charter Schools: 1 (2023)

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

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

## 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

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  
7,438  
65.3%

Have Degree or Credential  
3,957  
34.7%



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](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Edgecombe)

## LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### In Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

79.0%

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

#### Top areas of misalignment:

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



297 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

### 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)

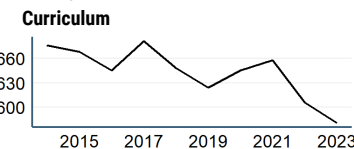


36% of adults (ages 25-44) in Edgecombe County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Edgecombe County is served by:

Turning Point Workforce Development Board  
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments

### UNC System College Enrollment



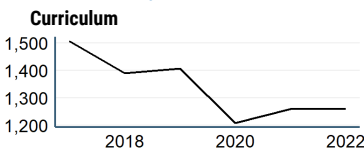
### Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Data Scientists	4%
Information Security Analysts	4%
Nurse Practitioners	3%

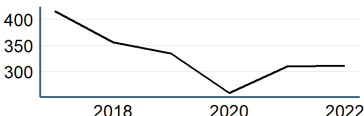
### Top 3 Employers in Edgecombe County

Employer	Employment Range
City Of Rocky Mount 331 South Frank	500-999
Edgecombe Tarboro Bd Of Education	500-999
Sara Lee Frozen Bakery Llc	500-999

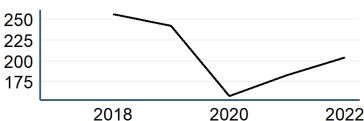
### NC Community College Enrollment



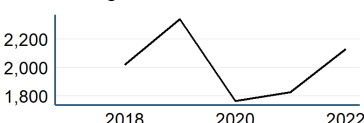
### First-time Curriculum Enrollments



### Basic Skills



### Continuing Education



## Adult Learners

## Edgecombe County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

204	Basic Skills
2,130	Continuing Education
1,259	Curriculum



16% of Edgecombe County residents have **student loan debt**, 16% of debt holders had **student loans in default**. 2022

## 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**

• 60% of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 67 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

• 48% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022



63% of Edgecombe County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

## 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 75%. 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%. 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%. 2023
- 77% of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to 87% statewide; 83 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 33% of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to 32% statewide; 1,256 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 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

## 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

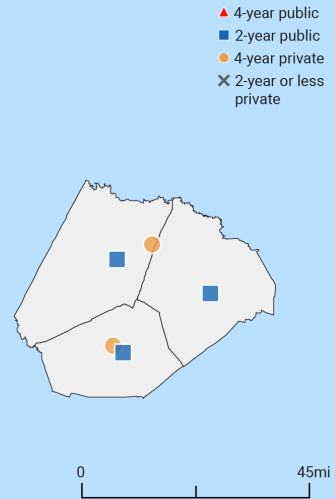
## Public, 2-year

Edgecombe Community College, Nash Community College, Wilson Community College

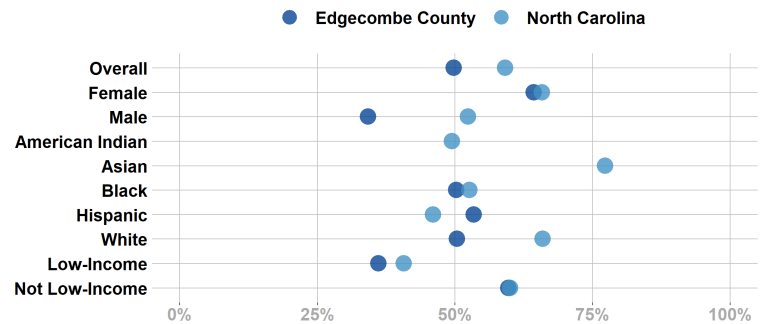
## Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

Barton College, North Carolina Wesleyan University

## Private not-for-profit, 2-year



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

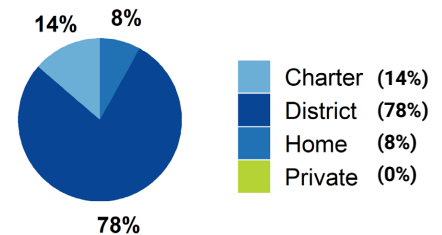


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

## School Choice

6,647 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Edgecombe 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 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).

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

[dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/)