**Edgecombe County**

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**Population Spotlight**
- 2010 Census: 56,552
- 2020 Census: 48,900
- Change: -7,652
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### Top Opportunities for Growth

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

#### 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:

- 60% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program, 63 more needed to meet state goal of 75%.
- 13% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, 1,522 more needed to meet state goal of 28%.
- 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 1,834 more needed to meet state goal of 36%.
- 85% of 9th graders graduate within four years, 46 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.
- 36% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,334 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.

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

### School Choice

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

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

### Career and College Preparation

- 192 graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs (48%) versus 43% 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

183 Basic Skills
858 Continuing Education
1,257 Curriculum

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.

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)

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/