Edgecombe County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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% County
2.5% 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%

18.4% Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.9%

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 7,438
Have Degree or Credential 3,957

65.3%
34.7%

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

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.

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

In Rocky Mount-Wilson Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
Top areas of misalignment:
Health Science bachelor’s and below bachelor’s
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s
Business Management & Administration bachelor’s

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

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

**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**

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

- **Overall**
  - Edgecombe County 78% compared to 83% state.

- **Female**
  - Edgecombe County 82% compared to 86% state.

- **American Indian**
  - Edgecombe County 89% compared to 82% state.

- **Not Low-Income**
  - Edgecombe County 83% compared to 86% state.

- **Low-Income**
  - Edgecombe County 74% compared to 70% state.

**Access to Postsecondary Credits**

Students in Edgecombe County completed **491 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (184 (37%) were industry-valued credentials) and 355 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Hospitality & Tourism; Human Services; and Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications.**

- **153 high school students** took at least one AP test (9%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).

- **167 high school students** participated in Career & College Promise programs (44%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

**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

**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 complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%, 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; 53 more needed to meet state goal of 95%, 2023
- 37% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide, 1,423 less needed to meet state goal of 11%, 2023

**Edgecombe County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 345:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties, 2023

- 4% of students drop out of high school (80 total students), compared to 2% statewide, 2023

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

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