Gates County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Gates County Attainment Goal: 1,710 (Stretch Goal: 1,739)
2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 10,475
2022 Estimate: 10,383
Change: -92

Growth Rate
2022 Estimate: 10,383
Change: -0.9%
County
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Change: -0.9%
State

$66,561
Median Household Income (2022)
State: $67,516
80%
Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%
20.9%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%
9.8%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022)
State: 10.0%
59%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%
3.5%
Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
1,566
72.2%

Have Degree or Credential
602
27.8%

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

Adult Learners
25% of Gates County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - metro county average of 17%.

FAFSA Completion
51% of Gates County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural - metro county average of 58%.

Chronic Absenteeism
33% of Gates County students are chronically absent from school, above the rural - metro county average of 29%.

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

In Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
72.2%
of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics below bachelor’s Health Science below bachelor’s Business Management & Administration bachelor’s

13 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:
632 graduates in 2020
62% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
$33,554 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

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Gates County is served by:
Northeastern Workforce Development Board
Albemarle Commission

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NOTE: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
52% of Gates County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

51% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2023, compared to 62% statewide; 32 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of 80%.

59% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 68% in peer counties. 2022

54% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 51% in peer counties. 2022

Gates County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 203:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2023

0% of students drop out of high school (0 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

Gates County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023

23% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 428 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023

28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 391 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023

87% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 11 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023

33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 335 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

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School Choice
1,717 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Gates County in the 2022-23 school year.

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

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