Gates County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

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

Growth Rate
-0.9% vs. 2.5%
County vs. State

80% Home Owners (2022)
State: 67%

20.9% Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%

10.6% Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

59% Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%

3.5% Unemployment Rate (2022)
State: 3.7%

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

Educational Attainment
Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
1,566 72.2%

Have Degree or Credential
602 27.8%

Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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%.

Earning College Credit in High School
<5% of Gates County high school students took at least one AP exam, below the rural - metro county average of 7%. Also, 28% of graduates participated in the Career & College Promise programs, below the peer county average of 31%.

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

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

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Job Title Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners 4%
Medical and Health Services Managers 3%
Logisticians 2%

Top 3 Employers in Gates County
Employer Employment Range
Gates County Board Of Education 250-499
Gates County 100-249
Ashton Lewis Lumber Co Inc 50-99

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

UNC System College Enrollment
Curriculum
120 140 160
180
200

NC Community College Enrollment
Curriculum
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022
First-time Curriculum Enrollments
2018 2019 2020 2021
Basic Skills
2018 2019 2020 2021
Continuing Education
2018 2019 2020 2021
Updated: Feb 12 2024

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**Adult Learners**
Gates County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 5 Basic Skills
- 252 Continuing Education
- 166 Curriculum

14% of Gates County residents have student loan debt. 0% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

**Success of Gates County High School Graduates**
- 80% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 79% in peer counties. 2022
- 58% 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**
- 204 of all college-goers attended College of The Albemarle
- 39 of all college-goers attended Roanoke-Chowan CC
- 23 of all college-goers attended Pitt CC

- 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%. 2023
- 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

55% of Gates County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 57% in peer counties.

**How students in Gates County traditional schools are doing:**
- 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
- 24% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 202 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023

Gates County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 203:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2022

4% of students drop out of high school (19 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2022

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

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

**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.

**Access to Postsecondary Credits**
Students in Gates County completed 480 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 74 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed included Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Health Science.

Less than 10 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 7% in peer counties (2022).

59 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (28%) 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/