Gates County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)
2030 Proposed Gates County Attainment Goal: 1,710 (51%)

Population Spotlight
2010 Census: 12,197
2020 Census: 10,478
Change: -1,719

Growth Rate
-14.1% vs. 9.5%

Median Household Income (2020)
$57,680

Child Poverty Rate (2020)
18.4%

Households with Broadband (2020)
78%

Home Owners (2020)
77%

Voter Registration Rate (2021)
72%

Unemployment Rate (2021)
4.3%

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Elizabeth City
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 0

Educational Attainment
Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree
68.8%
1,557

Have Degree or Credential
31.2%
706

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

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

Math Performance
23% of Gates County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural metro county average of 28%.

Reading Performance
20% of Gates County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural metro county average of 25%.

FAFSA Completion
50% of Gates County high school seniors complete the FAFSA, below the rural metro county average of 54%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-9.7%
2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
0.7%
2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-9.5%
2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
-9.3%
2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
• College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
• College-and-Career-Ready in Math
• Chronic Absenteeism

How students in Gates County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Gates County needs:
• Gates County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 141%). 2022
• 363 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 20%). 2022
• 430 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 23%). 2022
• 6 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 89%). 2021
• 58 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 15%). 2021

Gates County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 236:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

Career and College Preparation
Fewer than 10 high school students took at least one AP course (<5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Gates County completed 65 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Health Science.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Gates County, 2021

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Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Success of Gates County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 35% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 15% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 47% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- ~5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 83% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 60% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Gates County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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14% of Gates County residents have student loan debt; 18% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

70.0% 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 (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)

In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:

- 3,785 in Basic Services
- 2,643 in Career Services
- 293 in Education Services

12.6% of young adults ages 16-24 in Gates 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 Gates County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Gates

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