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 State

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)

38% of adults (ages 25-44) in Gates County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

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

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

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**Basic Skills**
- 252 Continuing Education
- 146 Curriculum

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**Curriculum**
- 166 Curriculum

**Student Loan Debt**
- 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

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

- Overall
- Female
- Male
- American Indian
- Asian
- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Low-Income
- Not Low-Income

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

**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
- 33% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 335 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. 2023
- 0% of students drop out of high school (0 total students), compared to 2% statewide. 2023

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

**Access to Postsecondary Credits**
Students in Gates County completed 702 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (80 (11%) were industry-valued credentials) and 86 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; and Human Services.

- Less than 10 high school students took at least one AP test (NA) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 35 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (31%) versus 43% in peer counties (2023).

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