

# Gates County

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles



Elizabeth City  
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region  
Peer County Type: Rural - Metro  
Local Education Agencies: 1 (2023)  
Charter Schools: 0 (2023)

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

-0.9% County vs. 2.5% 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: 10.9%



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



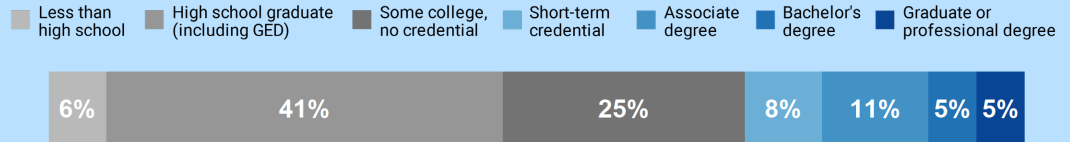
3.5%  
Unemployment Rate (2022)  
State: 3.7%

## Educational Attainment

Gates County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree  
1,566  
72.2%

Have Degree or Credential  
602  
27.8%



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%.



### 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](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Gates)

## LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

### 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)



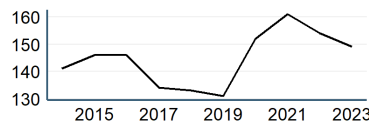
38% of adults (ages 25-44) in Gates County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

### Gates County is served by:

Northeastern Workforce Development Board  
Albemarle Commission

### UNC System College Enrollment

#### Curriculum



### Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

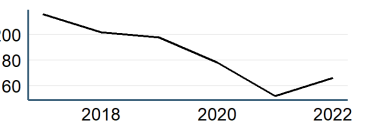
| Job Title                            | Annual Growth |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Nurse Practitioners                  | 4%            |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | 3%            |
| Logisticians                         | 2%            |

### Top 3 Employers in Gates County

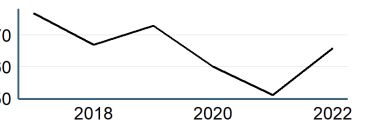
| Employer                        | Employment Range |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Gates County Board Of Education | 250-499          |
| Gates County                    | 100-249          |
| Ashton Lewis Lumber Co Inc      | 50-99            |

### NC Community College Enrollment

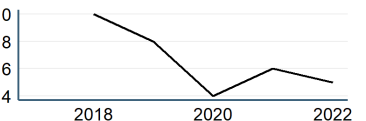
#### Curriculum



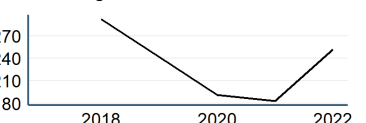
#### First-time Curriculum Enrollments



#### Basic Skills



#### Continuing Education



## 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



52% of Gates County students have **parents with no college degree** (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% 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
- 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

## Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

274 certificate | 349 associate | 331 bachelor's

## Postsecondary assets in Elizabeth City Prosperity Zone sub-region

**Public, 4-year or above**  
Elizabeth City State University

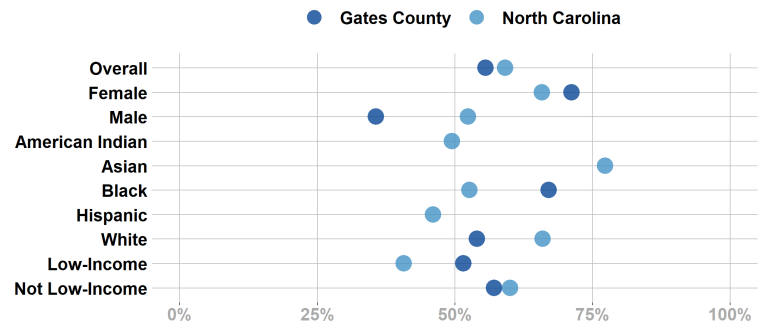
**Public, 2-year**  
College of the Albemarle

**Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above**  
Mid-Atlantic Christian University

**Private not-for-profit, 2-year**



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

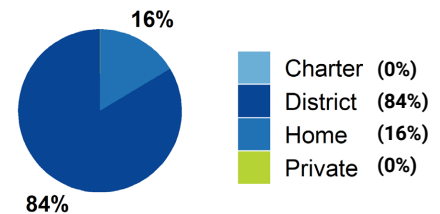


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

## 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 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/](https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/)