County Facts: Edgecombe County, NC
Population 53,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 7.8% in Edgecombe County, 4.5% in NC, 4.4% in the United States
- Poverty rate: 20.5% in Edgecombe County, 6.9% in NC, 5.1% in the United States
- Median family income (000s): $57 in Edgecombe County, $50 in NC, $40 in the United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: 28% in Edgecombe County, 16% in NC, 15.1% in the United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 17% in Edgecombe County, 12% in NC, 10% in the United States
- Farming share of workforce: 2.5% in Edgecombe County, 1.5% in NC, 1.7% in the United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 7.0% in Edgecombe County, 3.0% in NC, 4.7% in the United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% in Edgecombe County, 46% in NC, 46% in the United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% in Edgecombe County, 16% in NC, 8% in the United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% in Edgecombe County, 6% in NC, 4% in the United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 38% in Edgecombe County, 22% in NC, 20% in the United States
- Percent landing in jail: 2.0% in Edgecombe County, 1.5% in NC, 1.5% in the United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 in Edgecombe County, $5.4 in NC, $5.2 in the United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau