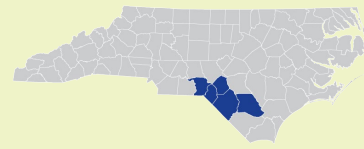


# Lumber River

## Council of Governments

myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Regional Council Attainment Goal: 37,072

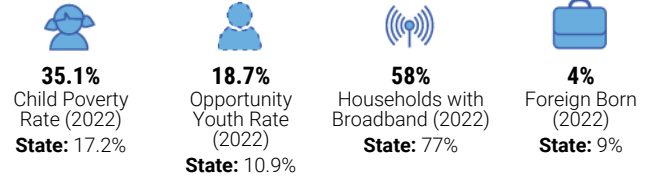


**Counties in Council of Governments:**  
Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland

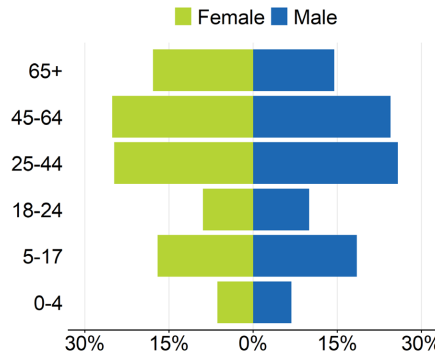
### Population Spotlight

**Growth Rate:** Council of Governments: 0.5% vs. State: 2.5%

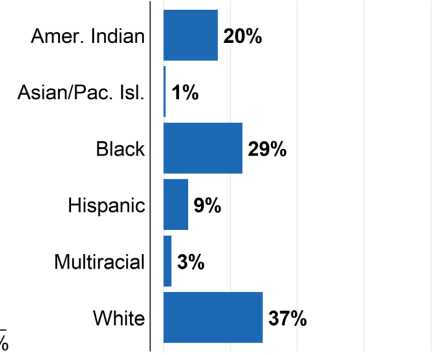
County	2020	2022	Change
North Carolina	10,439,414	10,698,973	259,559
Bladen County	29,617	29,446	-171
Hoke County	52,081	53,787	1,706
Richmond County	42,953	42,778	-175
Robeson County	116,516	116,663	147
Scotland County	34,180	34,162	-18



### Age Structure, 2022



### Race/Ethnicity, 2022



### Educational Attainment

Lumber River residents ages 25-44, 2022

Less than high school
High school graduate (including GED)
Some college, no credential
Short-term credential
Associate degree
Bachelor's degree
Graduate or professional degree



**No Degree**  
44,934  
64.1%



**Have Degree or Credential**  
25,121  
35.9%



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

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### In Lumber River Council of Governments:

**97** Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

#### UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

**2,233** graduates in 2020  
**74%** of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021  
**\$38,040** annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

**35%** of adults (ages 25-44) in Lumber River earned a **family sustaining wage**, 2022

### Labor Force Snapshot - 2023 Q2

Total Jobs	87,248
Business Establishments	5,276
Employed	105,287
Unemployed	5,844
Avg. Weekly Wage	\$846
Median Household Income	\$42,174

### Top Industries in Lumber River Council of Governments

Industry Name	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Manufacturing	21,142	\$997
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,727	\$896
Retail Trade	9,921	\$595
Educational Services	8,846	\$887
Accommodation and Food Services	6,940	\$331

### Top Job Sectors in Lumber River Council of Governments

Job Sector	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wages
Private	69,653	\$819
Local Government	12,983	\$910
State Government	4,017	\$1,048
Federal Government	595	\$1,306

### Success of Lumber River High School Graduates

- **75%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year** versus **83%** for the state. 2022
- **46%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years versus **59%** for the state. 2022

### Top destinations of all college-goers, Fall 2023

- **4,120** of all college-goers attended **Robeson CC**
- **3,850** of all college-goers attended **Richmond CC**
- **1,686** of all college-goers attended **Fayetteville TCC**

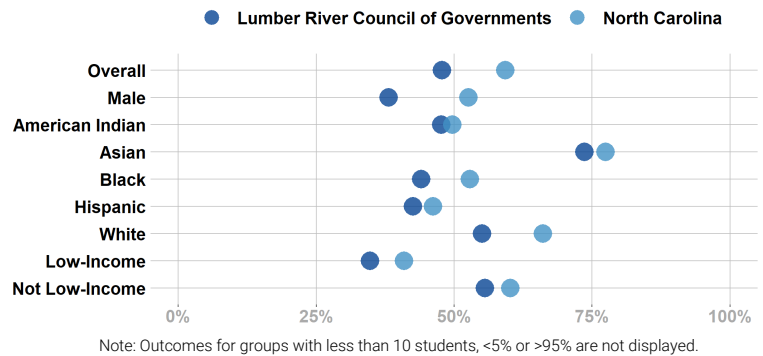
### Adult Learners

#### Lumber River resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

- 458** Basic Skills
- 6,299** Continuing Education
- 1,284** Curriculum

- **59%** of seniors **completed the FAFSA** in 2023, compared to **62%** statewide; 563 more need to complete in 2023 to meet state goal of **80%**. 2023
- **68%** of graduates reported **intentions to enroll** in a postsecondary institution versus **74%** in the state. 2022
- **46%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months versus **58%** in the state. 2022

### Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Lumber River, 2022



### How students in Lumber River traditional schools are currently doing:

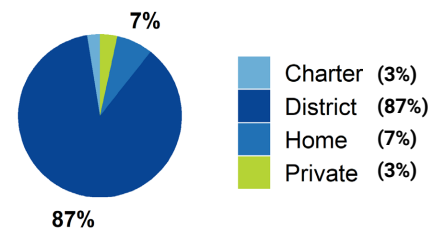
To meet state goals, each year Lumber River needs:

- **70%** of eligible 4-year-olds **enrolled in NC Pre-K program**, compared to **53%** statewide; 118 more needed to meet state goal of **75%**. 2023
- **17%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **reading**, compared to **30%** statewide; 11,526 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. 2023
- **19%** of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in **math**, compared to **35%** statewide; 13,744 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. 2023
- **83%** of 9th graders **graduate within four years**, compared to **87%** statewide; 431 more needed to meet state goal of **95%**. 2023
- **36%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **27%** statewide; 12,159 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2023
- **3%** of students **drop out of high school** (326 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2023

### School Choice

51,365 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Lumber River in the 2022-23 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.



### Access to Postsecondary Credits

Students in Lumber River completed **14,204 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (1,257 (9%) were industry-valued credentials) and 2,609 concentrations** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; Health Science; and Human Services.

**544 high school students** took at least one **AP test (<5%)** versus **16%** in the state (2023).

**1,247 high school students** participated in **Career & College Promise programs (42%)** versus **36%** in the state (2023).

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:

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