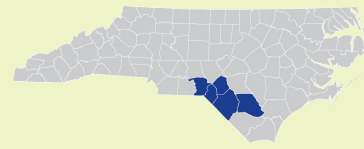


Lumber River

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

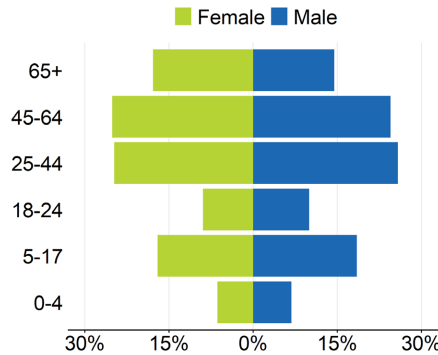

35.1%
Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: 17.2%


19.4%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2021)
State: 12.1%

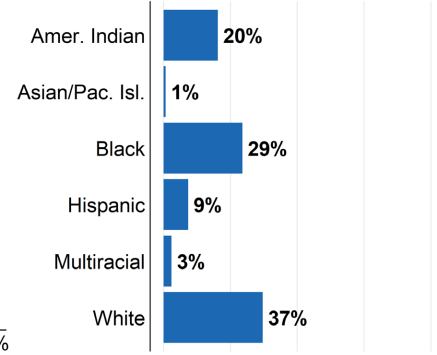

58%
Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 77%


4%
Foreign Born (2022)
State: 9%

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


LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

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

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
- **42%** of students are **chronically absent from school**, compared to **32%** statewide; 14,626 less needed to meet state goal of **11%**. 2022
- **4%** of students **drop out of high school** (536 total students), compared to **2%** statewide. 2022

Degree Credentials Awarded, 2022

1,051 certificate | **900** associate | **1,470** bachelor's

Postsecondary assets in Lumber River Council of Governments

Public, 4-year or above

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

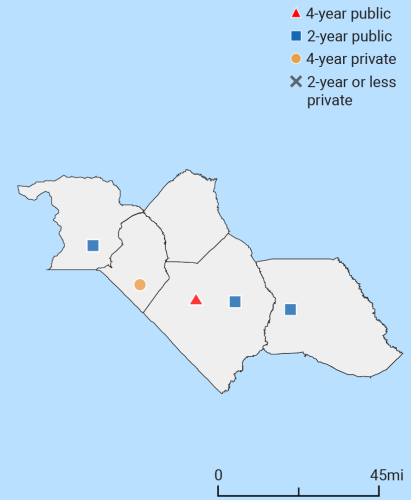
Public, 2-year

Bladen Community College, Richmond Community College, Robeson Community College

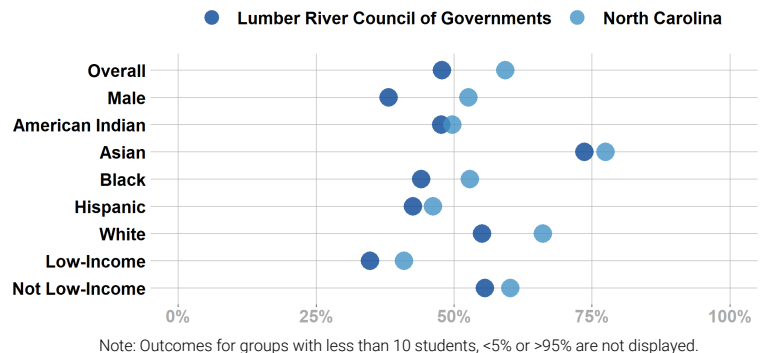
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above

St. Andrews University

Private not-for-profit, 2-year



Postsecondary Enrollment Rates in Lumber River, 2022

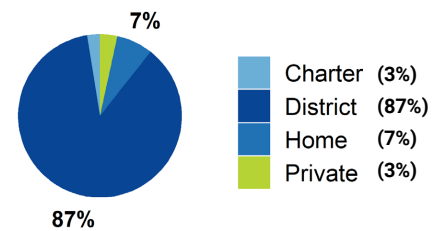


Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

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 **10,227 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 2,267 concentrations** in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Human Services; Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources; and Health Science.

645 high school students took at least one **AP course (5%)** versus **15%** in the state (2022).

1,850 high school students participated in **Career & College Promise programs (32%)** versus **23%** in the state (2022).

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

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