Scotland County

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Growth Rate
-5.5% vs. 9.5%
County State

$33,531 Median Household Income (2020)
42.8% Child Poverty Rate (2020)
73% Households with Broadband (2020)
60% Home Owners (2020)
64% Voter Registration Rate (2021)
9.5% Unemployment Rate (2021)

Fayetteville-Lumberton
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural Non-Metro
Local Education Agencies: 1
Charter Schools: 2

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Educational Attainment
Scotland County residents ages 25-44, 2020

No Degree 68.1%
5,825
Have Degree or Credential 31.9%
2,724

Note: Numbers may add to more than 100% due to rounding

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

K-12 Enrollment (district schools)
-5.3% 2021-22 vs. 2019-20

Postsecondary Enrollment
-2.7% 2021 vs. 2020

FAFSA Completion
-10.0% 2021-22 vs. 2018-19

Postsecondary Intentions
0.5% 2020-21 vs. 2018-19

Data Disruptions
• College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
• College-and-Career-Ready in Math
• Chronic Absenteeism

Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.

How students in Scotland County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Scotland County needs:

• Scotland County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment (goal: 75% vs. 97%), 2022
• 1,471 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading (goal: 73% vs. 15%), 2022
• 1,817 more 3-8 graders earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math (goal: 86% vs. 14%), 2022
• 39 more 9th graders to graduate within four years (goal: 95% vs. 86%), 2021
• 1,529 more students to attend school regularly (goal: 11% chronic absenteeism vs. 40%), 2021

Scotland County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 373:1 versus 318:1 in peer counties. 2021

• 49% of seniors completed the FAFSA in 2022 (111 more need to complete in 2022 to meet state goal of 80%).
https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/

• 65% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% in peer counties. 2021

• 46% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021

59% of Scotland County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 59% in peer counties.

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School Choice
5,845 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Scotland County in the 2021-22 school year.

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Career and College Preparation
144 high school students took at least one AP course (9%) versus 7% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Scotland County completed 241 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Scotland County, 2021

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**Scotland County 2022 Attainment Profile**

**Success of Scotland County High School Graduates**

**Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020**
- 50% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 11% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 39% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- <5% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 77% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 48% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2021

**Adult Learners**

**Scotland County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021**
- 110 Basic Skills
- 542 Continuing Education
- 815 Curriculum

- 14% of Scotland County residents have student loan debt; 17% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

**Top areas of misalignment:**
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (below bachelor's)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor's)
- Information Technology (bachelor's)

**Postsecondary assets in Fayetteville-Lumberton Prosperity Zone sub-region**

**Degree Credentials Awarded, 2021**
- 2,584 certificate
- 3,044 associate
- 2,900 bachelor's

- 80.4% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

**UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:**
- 5,664 graduates in 2020
- 56% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
- $38,415 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs)

**In 2021 your Workforce Development Board served:**
- 10,858 in Basic Services
- 5,285 in Career Services
- 715 in Education Services

- 17.0% of young adults ages 16-24 in Scotland County were not working and not in school versus 15.2% in peer counties. 2019

**Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment**

**Number of Scotland County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022**

**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 Scotland County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Scotland

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