Scotland County
myFutureNC 2024 Attainment Profiles

2030 Proposed Scotland County Attainment Goal: 3,632 (Stretch Goal: 3,722)

Population Spotlight
2020 Census: 34,180
2022 Estimate: 34,162
Change: -18

Growth Rate
-0.1% vs. 2.5%
County State

$45,996 60%
Median Home Owners (2022) Child Poverty Rate (2022)
State: $67,516 State: 17.2%

40.8% 16.2%
Opportunity Youth Rate (2022) Households with Broadband (2022)
State: 10.9% State: 77%

6.4% Unemployment Rate (2022) State: 3.7%

Educational Attainment
Scotland County residents ages 25-44, 2022

No Degree
5,816 68.5%
Have Degree or Credential
2,675 31.5%

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Scotland County to improve future attainment outcomes.

Math Performance
15% of Scotland County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Math, below the rural - non-metro county average of 29%.

School Counselors
Scotland County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 533:1, above the rural - non-metro county average of 325:1.

Reading Performance
16% of Scotland County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural - non-metro county average of 25%.

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

In Fayetteville-Lumberton Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:
80.5% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

1,855 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2020

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)

35% of adults (ages 25-44) in Scotland County earned a family sustaining wage, 2022

Scotland County is served by:
Lumber River Workforce Development Board
Lumber River Council of Governments

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Fayetteville-Lumberton Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Top 3 Employers in Scotland County

UNC System College Enrollment
NC Community College Enrollment
Curriculum
Curriculum

First-time Curriculum Enrollments
Basic Skills
Continuing Education
**Adult Learners**

Fayetteville-Lumberton Sub-Prosperity Zone post-secondary enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022

1,281 Basic Skills
12,836 Continuing Education
5,244 Curriculum

14% of Scotland County residents have student loan debt. 14% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2022

**Success of Scotland County High School Graduates**

- 74% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 78% in peer counties. 2022
- 53% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years versus 55% in peer counties. 2022

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

- 1,319 of all college-goers attended Richmond CC
- 106 of all college-goers attended Sandhills CC
- 76 of all college-goers attended Robeson CC

**How students in Scotland County traditional schools are doing:**

- Scotland County has met the goal for Pre-K enrollment. (Goal: 75%). 2023
- 16% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, compared to 30% statewide; 1,710 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2023
- 15% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, compared to 35% statewide; 1,733 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2023
- 87% of 9th graders graduate within four years, compared to 87% statewide; 51 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2023
- 34% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 27% statewide; 1,339 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2023
- 57% of Scotland County students have parents with no college degree (either 2- or 4-year) versus 55% in peer counties.

**School Choice**

6,224 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Scotland 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 Scotland County completed 3,013 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (205 (7%) were industry-valued credentials) and 255 concentrations in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security; and Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources.

- 74 high school students took at least one AP test (<5%) versus 8% in peer counties (2023).
- 175 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (54%) versus 51% in peer counties (2023).

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