### Population Spotlight

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

### Growth Rate

- **County**: -0.1% vs. 2.5% State

### Median Household Income

- **State**: $67,516
- **County**: $45,996

### Home Ownership

- **State**: 67%
- **County**: 60%

### Child Poverty Rate

- **State**: 17.2%
- **County**: 40.8%

### Opportunity Youth Rate

- **State**: 12.1%
- **County**: 17.9%

### Households with Broadband

- **State**: 77%
- **County**: 59%

### Unemployment Rate

- **State**: 3.7%
- **County**: 6.4%

### Educational Attainment

- **Scotland County residents ages 25-44, 2022**

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<td>68.5%</td>
<td>31.5%</td>
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#### Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

### 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

### UNC System College Enrollment

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### NC Community College Enrollment

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

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<td>Nurse Practitioners</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Data Scientists</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Medical and Health Services Managers</td>
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### Top 3 Employers in Scotland County

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<td>Scotland Memorial Hospital (A Corp)</td>
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<td>Scotland County Schools</td>
<td>500-999</td>
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<td>Dept Of Public Safety</td>
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### Labor Market Alignment
Scotland County 2024 Attainment Profile

Updated: Feb 12 2024

Adult Learners
Scotland County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2022
- 123 Basic Skills
- 1,384 Continuing Education
- 873 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

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Scotland County, 2022
Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

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
- 38% of students are chronically absent from school, compared to 32% statewide; 1,523 less needed to meet state goal of 11%, 2022
- Scotland County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 533:1 versus 325:1 in peer counties, 2022
- 2% of students drop out of high school (31 total students), compared to 2% statewide, 2022

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 2,513 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials (industry-valued credential data available in Spring 2024) and 221 concentrations in 2022. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; and Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security.

142 high school students took at least one AP course (9%) versus 7% in peer counties (2022).
265 high school students participated in Career & College Promise programs (39%) versus 39% in peer counties (2022).

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