Scotland County

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)  
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Educational Continuum
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- 15% of Scotland County 3-8 graders earn college-and-career-ready scores in Reading, below the rural non-metro county average of 24%.

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

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

K-12 Enrollment:
- 2021-22 vs. 2019-20: -5.3%
- 2020 Census: 34,174
- 2010 Census: 36,157
- 5,845 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Scotland County in the 2021-22 school year.

FAFSA Completion:
- 2021-22 vs. 2018-19: -10.0%
- 3,632 (42%) 2030 Proposed Scotland County Attainment Goal

Postsecondary Enrollment:
- 2021-22 vs. 2018-19: -2.7%
- 2021: 68.9%
- 2020 Census: 34,174
- 2010 Census: 36,157
- 69% in peer counties

Postsecondary Intentions:
- 2021-22 vs. 2018-19: 0.5%
- 2021: 95%
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Data Disruptions:
- College-and-Career-Ready in Reading
- College-and-Career-Ready in Math
- Chronic Absenteeism

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%).  
  2022
- 15% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading, 1,471 more needed to meet state goal of 73%.  
  2022
- 14% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math, 1,817 more needed to meet state goal of 86%.  
  2022
- 86% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 39 more needed to meet state goal of 95%.  
  2021
- 40% of students are chronically absent from school; 1,529 less needed to meet state goal of 11%.  
  2021

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

Career and College Preparation:
- 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

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

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

- 46% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months versus 50% in peer counties. 2021
- 65% of graduates reported intentions to enroll in a postsecondary institution versus 69% 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%.  
  2022 https://www.myfuturenc.org/ourwork/first-in-fafsa/
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

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

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

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

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)

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

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/