**County Facts: Scotland County, NC**

Population 35,000

**The Local Economy**

- **Unemployment rate**: 7.8% (Scotland County), 4.5% (NC), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 26.1% (Scotland County), 6.9% (NC), 5.1% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $37 (Scotland County), $50 (NC), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: -2% (Scotland County), 16% (NC), 15% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 15% (Scotland County), 12% (NC), 10% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 2.4% (Scotland County), 1.5% (NC), 1.7% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 4.7% (Scotland County), 4.7% (NC), 4.7% (United States)

**How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out**

- **Percent graduating any college**: 46% (Scotland County), 46% (NC), 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 20% (Scotland County), 16% (NC), 9% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 10% (Scotland County), 6% (NC), 3% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 36% (Scotland County), 22% (NC), 20% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 2.7% (Scotland County), 1.5% (NC), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.4 (Scotland County), $5.4 (NC), $5.1 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: U of N. Carolina At Pembroke (public)†: 15.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 7.8%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Fayetteville Tech CC (public)†: 21.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 17.0%

* Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. † In nearby county.

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Scotland County: 36%, NC: 17%, United States: 13.6%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Scotland County: 23%, NC: 9%, United States: 13.0%
- **Percent over age 65**: Scotland County: 20%, NC: 11%, United States: 21%
- **Percent college grad**: Scotland County: 121, NC: 103, United States: 82.5
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Scotland County: 19, NC: 19, United States: 15
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Scotland County: 83.2, NC: 80.6, United States: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Scotland County: 19, NC: 19, United States: 15
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics

- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend

- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau