County Facts: Alexander County, IL
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 8.0% (Alexander County), 4.9% (IL), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 16.9% (Alexander County), 14.0% (IL), 10.5% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $60 (Alexander County), $57 (IL), $44 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 3% (Alexander County), -3% (IL), -1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Alexander County), 12% (IL), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 4.3% (Alexander County), 2.8% (IL), 3.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.2% (Alexander County), 4.7% (IL), 4.1% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 35% (Alexander County), 46% (IL), 53% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 9% (Alexander County), 20% (IL), 25% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 4% (Alexander County), 10% (IL), 11% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 18% (Alexander County), 20% (IL), 19% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.2% (Alexander County), 1.5% (IL), 1.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.9 (Alexander County), $5.7 (IL), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 6.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 44.5%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 16.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 19.9%

**Note:**
- Southern IL Univ. At Carbondale (public)†
- John A. Logan College (public)†
- Illinois 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average
- Illinois 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 7%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 15%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%
- **Percent college grad**: 23%
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 17

**Note:**
- Alexander County
- IL
- United States
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