County Facts: Alleghany County, VA
Population 15,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.9% (Alleghany County), 3.7% (VA), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 11.4% (Alleghany County), 10.9% (VA), 11.4% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $67 (Alleghany County), $57 (VA), $67 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -12% (Alleghany County), 16% (VA), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 20% (Alleghany County), 13% (VA), 13% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 10% (Alleghany County), 7% (VA), 7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.4% (Alleghany County), 1.7% (VA), 4.1% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 44% (Alleghany County), 46% (VA), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21% (Alleghany County), 20% (VA), 19% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 11% (Alleghany County), 10% (VA), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 18% (Alleghany County), 17% (VA), 17% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.4% (Alleghany County), 1.5% (VA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.9 (Alleghany County), $5.9 (VA), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Washington And Lee Univ.: 1.1%
  - Virginia average: 6.4%
  - U.S. average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Washington And Lee Univ.: 54.6%
  - Virginia average: 51.3%
  - U.S. average: 54.6%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Dabney S Lancaster CC (public): 13.8%
  - Virginia average: 13.0%
  - U.S. average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Dabney S Lancaster CC (public): 24.6%
  - Virginia average: 24.6%
  - U.S. average: 24.6%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Alleghany County: 7%
  - VA: 14%
  - United States: 21%

- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Alleghany County: 2%
  - VA: 9%
  - United States: 17%

- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Alleghany County: 12.2%
  - VA: 13.0%
  - United States: 20.3%

- **Percent college grad:**
  - Alleghany County: 21%
  - VA: 21%
  - United States: 26%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Alleghany County: 62
  - VA: 48
  - United States: 76

- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents):**
  - Alleghany County: 15
  - VA: 15
  - United States: 16
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