County Facts: Anchorage Borough/municipality, AK
Population 294,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Anchorage Borough/municipality 6.0%, AK 7.0%, United States 4.7%
Poverty rate: Anchorage Borough/municipality 4.4%, AK 8.7%, United States 10.8%
Median family income (000s): Anchorage Borough/municipality $86, AK $76, United States $57
Population growth 2000-2017: Anchorage Borough/municipality 18%, AK 13%, United States 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Anchorage Borough/municipality 10%, AK 2%, United States 4%
Farming share of workforce: Anchorage Borough/municipality 2.5%, AK 1.0%, United States 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Anchorage Borough/municipality 4.7%, AK 1.5%, United States 1.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Anchorage Borough/municipality 43%, AK 37%, United States 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Anchorage Borough/municipality 46%, AK 20%, United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Anchorage Borough/municipality 20%, AK 10%, United States 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Anchorage Borough/municipality 10%, AK 14%, United States 15%
Percent landing in jail: Anchorage Borough/municipality 1.3%, AK 1.4%, United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Anchorage Borough/municipality $8.5, AK $6.4, United States $9.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.0% (U of Alaska Anchorage), 8.0% (Alaska 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (U of Alaska Anchorage), 37.3% (Alaska 4-year-college average), 37.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.6% (U of Alaska Anchorage), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 8.0% (U of Alaska Anchorage), 8.0% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 8% (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 5% (AK), 8% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 9% (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 6% (AK), 7.2% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 13% (AK), 17% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 23% (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 19% (AK), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): 156 (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 76 (AK), 83 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 83.7 (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 83.6 (AK), 83.2 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 17 (Anchorage Borough/municipality), 14 (AK), 15 (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