County Facts: Aroostook County, ME
Population 68,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Aroostook County 4.8%, ME 3.3%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Aroostook County 17.3%, ME 15.1%, United States 13.7%
- Median family income (000s): Aroostook County $57, ME $52, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Aroostook County 4.4%, ME 5%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Aroostook County 10%, ME 9%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Aroostook County 8.3%, ME 3.4%, United States 3.4%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Aroostook County 12%, ME 10%, United States 10%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Aroostook County 44%, ME 46%, United States 49%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Aroostook County 20%, ME 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Aroostook County 12%, ME 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Aroostook County 0.8%, ME 0.7%, United States 0.7%
- Percent landing in jail: Aroostook County 1.5%, ME 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Aroostook County $6.8, ME $6.8, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.7%
- Low-income success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 32.9%
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- 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