County Facts: Ascension Parish, LA
Population 123,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.3% (LA) 5.3% (United States) 4.4% (Ascension Parish)
- Poverty rate: 12.2% (LA) 19.6% (United States) 19.1% (Ascension Parish)
- Median family income (000s): $79 (LA) $79 (United States) $79 (Ascension Parish)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 60% (LA) 60% (United States) 60% (Ascension Parish)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% (LA) 13% (United States) 13% (Ascension Parish)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (LA) 1.7% (United States) 1.7% (Ascension Parish)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (LA) 4.7% (United States) 4.7% (Ascension Parish)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 43% (LA) 46% (United States) 46% (Ascension Parish)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 40% (LA) 28% (United States) 28% (Ascension Parish)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (LA) 15% (United States) 15% (Ascension Parish)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (LA) 29% (United States) 29% (Ascension Parish)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (LA) 20% (United States) 20% (Ascension Parish)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.5 (LA) $4.8 (United States) $4.8 (Ascension Parish)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 8.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 46.6%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 13.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 22%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 14%
- **Percent over age 65**: 8.9%
- **Percent college grad**: 15%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 81.7
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 6
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