County Facts: Avoyelles Parish, LA
Population 41,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 6.2% for Avoyelles Parish, 5.3% for LA, and 4.4% for United States.
- Poverty rate: 21.3% for Avoyelles Parish, 19.6% for LA, and 15.1% for United States.
- Median family income (000s): $57 for Avoyelles Parish, $45 for LA, and $36 for United States.
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% for Avoyelles Parish, 8% for LA, and 6% for United States.
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% for Avoyelles Parish, 8% for LA, and 6% for United States.
- Farming share of workforce: 3.8% for Avoyelles Parish, 1.7% for LA, and 1.3% for United States.
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% for Avoyelles Parish, 2.6% for LA, and 2.3% for United States.

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 35% for Avoyelles Parish, 40% for LA, and 46% for United States.
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 19% for Avoyelles Parish, 20% for LA, and 20% for United States.
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% for Avoyelles Parish, 10% for LA, and 10% for United States.
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% for Avoyelles Parish, 20% for LA, and 20% for United States.
- Percent landing in jail: 1.0% for Avoyelles Parish, 1.5% for LA, and 2.0% for United States.
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $3.9 for Avoyelles Parish, $4.8 for LA, and $6.4 for United States.

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.9% (LA College†), 9.3% (Louisiana 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 42.9% (LA College†), 49.4% (Louisiana 4-year-college average), 42.9% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 14.9% (LA College†), 15.6% (Louisiana 2-year-college average), 24.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 23.3% (LA College†), 32.9% (Louisiana 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 28% (Avoyelles Parish), 33% (LA), 81.7% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 14% (Avoyelles Parish), 2% (LA), 8% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 5% (Avoyelles Parish), 2% (LA), 8% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 13% (Avoyelles Parish), 7% (LA), 8% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 126 (Avoyelles Parish), 76 (LA), 80 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 81.7 (Avoyelles Parish), 80.0 (LA), 81.7 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 8 (Avoyelles Parish), 9 (LA), 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