County Facts: Barbour County, AL
Population 25,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.9% (Barbour County), 4.4% (AL), 6.3% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 22.9% (Barbour County), 18.4% (AL), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $38, $46, $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: -13%, 10%, 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 15% (Barbour County), 14% (AL), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.8% (Barbour County), 1.4% (AL), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Barbour County), 5.4% (AL), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 42% (Barbour County), 41% (AL), 27% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15% (Barbour County), 12% (AL), 10% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Barbour County), 4% (AL), 3% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 32% (Barbour County), 27% (AL), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.3% (Barbour County), 1.7% (AL), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.7 (Barbour County), $4.8 (AL), $6.4 (United States)
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 19.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Alabama 4-year-college average: 19.1%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 15.6%

Alabama 2-year-college average: 26.7%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 50%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 14.2%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 77
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2

Barbour County
AL
United States

Percent Black
Percent Hispanic
Percent over age 65
Percent college grad
Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
Life expectancy (years)
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