County Facts: Baxter County, AR
Population 41,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 4.2% 3.7% 18.5%
Poverty rate 17.8% 5.1% $39
Median family income (000s) $44 $57 8%
Population growth 2000-2017 12% 16% 18%
Manufacturing share of workforce 10% 14% 3.3%
Farming share of workforce 2.7% 1.7% 4.3%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 41% 37% 15%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 15% 15% 7%
Percent achieving American Dream 8% 20% 20%
Percent giving birth as a teen 27% 20% 0.9%
Percent landing in jail 1.7% 1.5% $4.4
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $6.4 $5.0 $4.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Arkansas 12.5%, U.S. 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Arkansas 51.3%, U.S. 43.7%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Arkansas 21.8%, U.S. 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Arkansas 15.6%, U.S. 24.1%

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

### Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Baxter County 1%, AR 16%, United States 16%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Baxter County 7%, AR 5%, United States 7%
- **Percent over age 65**: Baxter County 28.1%, AR 17%, United States 17%
- **Percent college grad**: Baxter County 14.4%, AR 13.0%, United States 15%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Baxter County 85, AR 81, United States 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Baxter County 81.7, AR 81.5, United States 83.2

*Bars represent Baxter County, AR, and 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