County Facts: Berkeley County, SC
Population 218,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Berkeley County 3.8%, SC 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Berkeley County 14.6%, SC 15.1%, United States 16%
- Median family income (000s): Berkeley County $55, SC $49, United States $57
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Berkeley County 10%, SC 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Berkeley County 0.5%, SC 1.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Berkeley County 1.7%, SC 5.0%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Berkeley County 36%, SC 43%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Berkeley County 13%, SC 14%, United States 15%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Berkeley County 5%, SC 5%, United States 5%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Berkeley County 20%, SC 24%, United States 25%
- Percent landing in jail: Berkeley County 1.3%, SC 1.5%, United States 1.9%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Berkeley County $4.5, SC $5.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **College Of Charleston (public)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 4.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 8.2%
- **South Carolina 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 4.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 9.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 7.8%
  - Low-income student success rate: 49.0%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Trident Tech College (public)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 16.8%
  - Low-income student success rate: 19.3%
- **South Carolina 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 25.5%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 22.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

### Local Demographics

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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