County Facts: Berrien County, GA
Population 19,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.1% (Berrien County), 4.7% (GA), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 5.1% (Berrien County), 7.8% (GA), 5.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $53 (Berrien County), $35 (GA), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 26.5% (Berrien County), 17.8% (GA), 15.1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 18% (Berrien County), 16% (GA), 16% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 11% (Berrien County), 10% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 6.6% (Berrien County), 5.3% (GA), 5.4% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 31% (Berrien County), 43% (GA), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 12% (Berrien County), 16% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Berrien County), 6% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 29% (Berrien County), 25% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.2% (Berrien County), 1.7% (GA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.2 (Berrien County), $5.9 (GA), $6.4 (United States)
**Local Colleges and Upward Mobility**

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 47.9%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 46.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 22.9%

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

**Local Demographics**

- Percent Black: Berrien County 30%, GA 32%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Berrien County 17%, GA 9%, United States 10.7%
- Percent over age 65: Berrien County 13.0%, GA 19%, United States 9%
- Percent college grad: Berrien County 21%, GA 21%, United States 59%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Berrien County 84, GA 76
### 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