County Facts: Breathitt County, KY

Population 13,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Breathitt County 8.5%, KY 4.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Breathitt County 29.6%, KY 8.5%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Breathitt County $57, KY $46, United States $28
- Population growth 2000-2017: Breathitt County -20%, KY 10%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Breathitt County 4%, KY 4%, United States 1.2%
- Farming share of workforce: Breathitt County 14%, KY 1.7%, United States 3.9%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Breathitt County 1.2%, KY 1.7%, United States 1.7%
- Unemployment rate: Breathitt County 4.8%, KY 4.7%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Breathitt County 35%, KY 46%, United States 43%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Breathitt County 9%, KY 17%, United States 17%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Breathitt County 7%, KY 7%, United States 7%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Breathitt County 19%, KY 21%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Breathitt County 1.3%, KY 1.4%, United States 1.4%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Breathitt County $7.0, KY $6.4, United States $6.1
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 9.8%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 11.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

- **Kentucky 4-year-college average**: 9.8%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 9.3%
- **Kentucky 2-year-college average**: 11.3%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 1% Breathitt County, 9% KY, 14% United States
- **Percent Hispanic**: 1% Breathitt County, 3% KY, 17% United States
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.4% Breathitt County, 13.3% KY, 13.0% United States
- **Percent college grad**: 16% Breathitt County, 8% KY, 21% United States
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 22 Breathitt County, 72 KY, 76 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