County Facts: Bristol city, VA
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.6% (Bristol city), 3.7% (VA), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 16.5% (Bristol city), 11.4% (VA), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $67 (Bristol city), $57 (VA), $40 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 20% (Bristol city), 16% (VA), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Bristol city), 10% (VA), 7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.6% (Bristol city), 0.9% (VA), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.7% (Bristol city), 4.7% (VA), 5.4% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 50% (Bristol city), 46% (VA), 43% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 23% (Bristol city), 20% (VA), 15% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 11% (Bristol city), 10% (VA), 7% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 19% (Bristol city), 17% (VA), 15% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 20% (Bristol city), 20% (VA), 2.0% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Bristol city), $6.4 (VA), $6.3 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **E. TN State Univ. (public)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 10.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 6.4%

- **Virginia 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 59.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.6%

- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 22.8%

2-Year Colleges

- **Northeast State CC (public)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 14.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 13.0%

- **Virginia 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 26%
  - Low-income student success rate: 21%

- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 32.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 35.3%

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

Local Demographics

- **Bristol city, VA**
  - Percent Black: 3%
  - Percent Hispanic: 2%
  - Percent over age 65: 12.2%
  - Percent college grad: 14%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 48
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15

- **VA**
  - Percent Black: 21%
  - Percent Hispanic: 17%
  - Percent over age 65: 19.0%
  - Percent college grad: 26%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 101
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 76

- **United States**
  - Percent Black: 14%
  - Percent Hispanic: 9%
  - Percent over age 65: 13.0%
  - Percent college grad: 14%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 48
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15
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