County Facts: Brooks County, GA
Population 16,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Brooks County 4.5%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Brooks County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Median family income (000s): Brooks County $35, GA $57, United States $53
- Population growth 2000-2017: Brooks County 26.5%, GA 27%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Brooks County 12%, GA 10%, United States 11%
- Farming share of workforce: Brooks County 17.8%, GA 16%, United States 12%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Brooks County 15.1%, GA 12%, United States 11%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Brooks County 46%, GA 43%, United States 28%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Brooks County 20%, GA 16%, United States 9%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Brooks County 10%, GA 6%, United States 5%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Brooks County 39%, GA 25%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Brooks County 2.2%, GA 1.9%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Brooks County $6.3, GA $6.4, United States $5.9
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 8.0% (Brooks County), 9.1% (GA), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 47.9% (Brooks County), 48.2% (GA), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 46.4% (Brooks County), 22.9% (GA), 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 23.5% (Brooks County), 32.9% (GA), 7.5% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 30% (Brooks County), 32% (GA), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Brooks County), 9% (GA), 7% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 15.8% (Brooks County), 13.0% (GA), 10.7% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 19% (Brooks County), 21% (GA), 9% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 95 (Brooks County), 84 (GA), 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