County Facts: Brown County, TX
Population 38,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Poverty rate | Median family income (000s) | Population growth 2000-2017 | Manufacturing share of workforce | Farming share of workforce | Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
3.8% | 16.6% | $56 | 16% | 9% | 1.1% | 3.3%
4.3% | 16.4% | $57 | 36% | 9% | 1.7% | 3.3%
4.4% | 15.1% | $42 | 1% | 9% | 10% | 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college | Percent reaching upper-middle class | Percent achieving American Dream | Percent giving birth as a teen | Percent landing in jail | Local school expenditure per student (000s)
---|---|---|---|---|---
34% | 20% | 10% | 10% | 1.5% | $5.4
41% | 20% | 10% | 10% | 1.9% | $5.8
46% | 20% | 10% | 20% | 2.2% | $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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*: 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