County Facts: Camden County, GA
Population 53,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.2% (Camden County), 4.7% (GA), 6.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.7% (Camden County), 4.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Camden County), $53 (GA), $50 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: $27% (Camden County), 21% (GA), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 11% (Camden County), 10% (GA), 7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Camden County), 1.3% (GA), 1.3% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 6.0% (Camden County), 6.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% (Camden County), 43% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Camden County), 14% (GA), 16% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Camden County), 6% (GA), 6% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Camden County), 23% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.2% (Camden County), 1.5% (GA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Camden County), $5.9 (GA), $4.3 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 22.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Florida State College At Jacksonville (public)†

- Low-income share of students: 9.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

Georgia 4-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 23.5%

U.S. 4-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 32.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 48.2%

Georgia 2-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 22.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 87

U.S. 2-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 84

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Camden County 26%, GA 32%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Camden County 9%, GA 6%, United States 9%
- Percent over age 65: Camden County 10.7%, GA 17%, United States 19%
- Percent college grad: Camden County 13.0%, GA 21%, United States 87
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Camden County 76, GA 84, United States 84
- Life expectancy (years): Camden County 82.4, GA 80.9, United States 82.4
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Camden County 10, GA 15, United States 10

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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