County Facts: Chatham County, GA
Population 291,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 4.5% 4.4% 5.1%
Poverty rate 17.6% 17.8% 25%
Median family income (000s) $57 $53 $51
Population growth 2000-2017 27% 16% 11%
Manufacturing share of workforce 11% 10% 10%
Farming share of workforce 10% 1.3% 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.7% 4.7% 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 38% 43% 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 14% 16% 20%
Percent achieving American Dream 5% 6% 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen 29% 25% 20%
Percent landing in jail 3.8% 2.2% 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $6.1 $5.9 $6.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 27.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 27.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

### Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 41%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 32%
- **Percent over age 65**: 14%
- **Percent college grad**: 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 84
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 82.4
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 10

* S. Univ. (for-profit)*

†: In nearby county
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