County Facts: Cheatham County, TN
Population 40,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.0% in Cheatham County, TN, 3.7% in TN, 5.1% in the United States.

Poverty rate: 14.5% in Cheatham County, TN, 18% in TN, 16% in the United States.

Median family income (000s): $53 in Cheatham County, TN, $48 in TN, $57 in the United States.

Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% in Cheatham County, TN, 10% in TN, 10% in the United States.

Manufacturing share of workforce: 20% in Cheatham County, TN, 10% in TN, 10% in the United States.

Farming share of workforce: 1.7% in Cheatham County, TN, 1.5% in TN, 1.5% in the United States.

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.7% in Cheatham County, TN, 5.3% in TN, 4.7% in the United States.

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 35% in Cheatham County, TN, 40% in TN, 46% in the United States.

Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15% in Cheatham County, TN, 15% in TN, 15% in the United States.

Percent achieving American Dream: 6% in Cheatham County, TN, 9% in TN, 9% in the United States.

Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% in Cheatham County, TN, 20% in TN, 20% in the United States.

Percent landing in jail: 0.9% in Cheatham County, TN, 0.9% in TN, 0.9% in the United States.

Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.2 in Cheatham County, TN, $4.9 in TN, $6.4 in the United States.
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: Middle TN State Univ. (public)† 6.5%, Tennessee 4-year-college average 8.4%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Middle TN State Univ. (public)† 46.7%, Tennessee 4-year-college average 44.8%, U.S. 4-year-college average 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: Volunteer State CC (public)† 10.6%, Tennessee 2-year-college average 15.3%, U.S. 2-year-college average 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Volunteer State CC (public)† 26.8%, Tennessee 2-year-college average 27.2%, U.S. 2-year-college average 32.9%

*: 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