County Facts: Clarke County, GA
Population 127,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Clarke County 4.8%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Clarke County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 5.0%
- Median family income (000s): Clarke County $34, GA $53, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Clarke County 25%, GA 27%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Clarke County 16%, GA 10%, United States 8%
- Farming share of workforce: Clarke County 10%, GA 4.5%, United States 5.4%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Clarke County 1.3%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Clarke County 51%, GA 46%, United States 43%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Clarke County 20%, GA 16%, United States 16%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Clarke County 10%, GA 6%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Clarke County 25%, GA 20%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Clarke County 2.7%, GA 1.5%, United States 2.2%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Clarke County $6.6, GA $5.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Clarke County (3.0%) < Georgia 4-year-college average (9.1%) < U.S. 4-year-college average (9.3%)<br>
- **Low-income student success rate**: U of Georgia (59.0%) > Georgia 4-year-college average (48.2%) > U.S. 4-year-college average (51.3%)

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Athens Tech College (22.3%) > Georgia 2-year-college average (18.2%) > U.S. 2-year-college average (15.6%)<br>
- **Low-income student success rate**: Clarke County (23.5%) > Georgia 2-year-college average (22.9%) > U.S. 2-year-college average (22.3%)

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Clarke County (28%) < GA (32%) < United States (32%)<br>
- **Percent Hispanic**: Clarke County (11%) < GA (14%) < United States (14%)<br>
- **Percent over age 65**: Clarke County (9%) < GA (8.5%) < United States (10.7%)<br>
- **Percent college grad**: Clarke County (26%) < GA (19%) < United States (21%)<br>
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Clarke County (113) < GA (84) < United States (83.2)<br>
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Clarke County (83.4) < GA (76) < United States (82.4)

- Clarke County
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- United States

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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