County Facts: Clayton County, GA
Population 285,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Clayton County 5.8%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Clayton County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Median family income (000s): Clayton County $57, GA $53, United States $43
- Population growth 2000-2017: Clayton County 27%, GA 20%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Clayton County 10%, GA 7%, United States 11%
- Farming share of workforce: Clayton County 0.3%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Clayton County 1.7%, GA 5.4%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Clayton County 36%, GA 43%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Clayton County 10%, GA 16%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Clayton County 6%, GA 4%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Clayton County 25%, GA 20%, United States 30%
- Percent landing in jail: Clayton County 2.2%, GA 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Clayton County $5.3, GA $5.9, United States $6.4
### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**
  - Clayton State Univ. (public): 9.9%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Clayton State Univ. (public): 48.6%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 48.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

#### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**
  - Chattahoochee Tech College (public): 12.0%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 22.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Chattahoochee Tech College (public): 26.7%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 23.5%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

### Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Clayton County: 70%
  - GA: 32%
  - United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Clayton County: 17%
  - GA: 9%
  - United States: 13%
- **Percent over age 65**
  - Clayton County: 13%
  - GA: 10.7%
  - United States: 6.6%
- **Percent college grad**
  - Clayton County: 21%
  - GA: 19%
  - United States: 12%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Clayton County: 127
  - GA: 84
  - United States: 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Clayton County: 83.2
  - GA: 82.4
  - United States: 80.8
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**
  - Clayton County: 15
  - GA: 10
  - United States: 7

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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