**County Facts: Colleton County, SC**

Population 38,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 4.8% (Colleton County), 4.3% (SC), 4.4% (US)
- **Poverty rate**: 23.6% (Colleton County), 25% (SC), 16% (US)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $57 (Colleton County), $49 (SC), $57 (US)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: -2% (Colleton County), 16% (SC), 16% (US)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 16% (Colleton County), 13% (SC), 10% (US)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 2.7% (Colleton County), 1.1% (SC), 1.7% (US)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 5.5% (Colleton County), 5.0% (SC), 4.7% (US)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 35% (Colleton County), 46% (SC), 43% (US)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 10% (Colleton County), 14% (SC), 10% (US)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 5% (Colleton County), 5% (SC), 5% (US)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 20% (Colleton County), 25% (SC), 20% (US)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.5% (Colleton County), 1.9% (SC), 1.5% (US)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $5.6 (Colleton County), $5.4 (SC), $6.4 (US)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **College Of Charleston (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 4.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 49.0%
- **South Carolina 4-year-college average**: Low-income share: 16.8%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: Low-income share: 25.5%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Trident Tech College (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 22.7%
- **South Carolina 2-year-college average**: Low-income share: 15.6%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: Low-income share: 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Colleton County: 56%, SC: 29%, United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Colleton County: 17%, SC: 5%, United States: 2%
- **Percent over age 65**: Colleton County: 15.6%, SC: 3.7%, United States: 11%
- **Percent college grad**: Colleton County: 21%, SC: 19%, United States: 11%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents)**: Colleton County: 67, SC: 76, United States: 80.5
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Colleton County: 82, SC: 76, United States: 82.1
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Colleton County: 16, SC: 15, United States: 15
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