County Facts: DeKalb County, AL
Population 72,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.5% (DeKalb County), 4.4% (AL), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 18.8% (DeKalb County), 18.4% (AL), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (DeKalb County), $46 (AL), $36 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 11% (DeKalb County), 10% (AL), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (DeKalb County), 10% (AL), 14% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 27% (DeKalb County), 10% (AL), 2.9% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 7.8% (DeKalb County), 7.0% (AL), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 39% (DeKalb County), 41% (AL), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 13% (DeKalb County), 15% (AL), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (DeKalb County), 6% (AL), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 24% (DeKalb County), 20% (AL), 7% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.9% (DeKalb County), 1.5% (AL), 1.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.5 (DeKalb County), $4.8 (AL), $6.4 (United States)
**Local Colleges and Upward Mobility**

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**Alabama 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 11.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 44.3%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

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**Northeast Alabama CC (public)**

- Low-income share of students: 17.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.7%

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**Local Demographics**

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**DeKalb County**

- Percent Black: 26%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 13.9%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 15

**AL**

- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 9%
- Percent over age 65: 3.8%
- Percent college grad: 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 49
- Life expectancy (years): 81.0
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 9

**United States**

- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 9%
- Percent over age 65: 3.8%
- Percent college grad: 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 49
- Life expectancy (years): 81.0
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 9

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