County Facts: Denton County, TX
Population 836,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Denton County 3.3%, TX 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Denton County 8.8%, TX 16.6%, United States 16.6%
- Median family income (000s): Denton County $56, TX $57, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Denton County 93%, TX 36%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Denton County 10%, TX 8%, United States 9%
- Farming share of workforce: Denton County 0.4%, TX 0.4%, United States 0.4%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Denton County 1.7%, TX 3.5%, United States 3.3%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Denton County 50%, TX 46%, United States 41%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Denton County 27%, TX 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Denton County 14%, TX 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Denton County 25%, TX 14%, United States 14%
- Percent landing in jail: Denton County 1.9%, TX 1.5%, United States 1.2%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Denton County $6.4, TX $5.8, United States $5.7

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

- **4-Year Colleges**
  - Low-income share of students: 6.4% (U of N. Texas (public)), 56.0% (Texas 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
  - Low-income student success rate: 13.6% (Texas 4-year-college average), 50.6% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

- **2-Year Colleges**
  - Low-income share of students: 6.7% (Collin County CC (public)†), 17.5% (Texas 2-year-college average), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
  - Low-income student success rate: 15.6% (Texas 2-year-college average), 37.1% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 13% (Denton County), 19% (TX), 10% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 38% (Denton County), 17% (TX), 10.3% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 6.9% (Denton County), 13.0% (TX), 21% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 28% (Denton County), 71% (TX), 47% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 1% (Denton County), 83.8% (TX), 82.9% (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 83% (Denton County), 83% (TX), 83% (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15% (Denton County), 5% (TX), 5% (United States)
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