County Facts: Dorchester County, MD
Population 32,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.7% (Dorchester County), 4.1% (MD), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 12.7% (Dorchester County), 10.0% (MD), 10.0% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $58 (Dorchester County), $57 (MD), $78 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 14% (Dorchester County), 5% (MD), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Dorchester County), 7% (MD), 1.7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 4.0% (Dorchester County), 5% (MD), 3.8% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.2% (Dorchester County), 1.7% (MD), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 40% (Dorchester County), 46% (MD), 50% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15% (Dorchester County), 25% (MD), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Dorchester County), 12% (MD), 27% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 18% (Dorchester County), 10% (MD), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.6% (Dorchester County), 1.5% (MD), 2.0% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 (Dorchester County), $6.4 (MD), $7.2 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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

Local Demographics

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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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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