Country Facts: Echols County, GA
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Echols County 3.8%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Echols County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Echols County $35, GA $53, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Echols County 5%, GA 27%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Echols County 16%, GA 11%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Echols County 11%, GA 13%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Echols County 6.0%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Echols County 52%, GA 46%, United States 43%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Echols County 20%, GA 16%, United States 10%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Echols County 10%, GA 6%, United States 5%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Echols County 24%, GA 20%, United States 1.1%
- Percent landing in jail: Echols County 25%, GA 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Echols County $5.1, GA $5.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 47.9%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 46.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 23.5%

Valdosta State Univ. (public)†
- Georgia 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Moultrie Tech College (public)†
- Georgia 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Echols County 22%, GA 32%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Echols County 8%, GA 9%, United States 9%
- Percent over age 65: Echols County 9.9%, GA 10.7%, United States 10.7%
- Percent college grad: Echols County 8%, GA 19%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Echols County 61, GA 84, United States 76
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 25\textsuperscript{th}-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