**County Facts: Elbert County, GA**

Population 19,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 5.3% (Elbert County), 4.7% (GA), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 17.8% (Elbert County), 15.4% (GA), 14.6% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $57 (Elbert County), $53 (GA), $49 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 27% (Elbert County), 22% (GA), 9% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 13% (Elbert County), 11% (GA), 9% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 2.7% (Elbert County), 1.3% (GA), 1.1% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 6.5% (Elbert County), 5.4% (GA), 4.9% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 29% (Elbert County), 43% (GA), 41% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 46% (Elbert County), 56% (GA), 54% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 20% (Elbert County), 24% (GA), 22% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 31% (Elbert County), 30% (GA), 28% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 2.5% (Elbert County), 1.7% (GA), 1.4% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.4 (Elbert County), $5.9 (GA), $5.3 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 12.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 22.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

**Legend**
- Blue: Emmanuel College of Franklin Springs, GA†
- Light blue: Georgia 4-year-college average
- Dark blue: U.S. 4-year-college average
- Light green: Georgia 2-year-college average
- Dark green: U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Elbert County 17%, GA 32%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Elbert County 5%, GA 17%, United States 9%
- **Percent over age 65**: Elbert County 16.8%, GA 13.0%, United States 10.7%
- **Percent college grad**: Elbert County 21%, GA 19%, United States 18%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Elbert County 92, GA 84, United States 76

**Legend**
- Blue: Elbert County
- Light blue: GA
- Light green: 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