County Facts: Ellis County, OK
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Ellis County 3.3%, OK 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Ellis County 13.4%, OK 14.5%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Ellis County $50, OK $49, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Ellis County -2%, OK 14%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Ellis County 10%, OK 9%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Ellis County 16%, OK 19%, United States 17%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Ellis County 1.9%, OK 1.7%, United States 2.2%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Ellis County 48%, OK 46%, United States 39%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Ellis County 27%, OK 19%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Ellis County 18%, OK 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Ellis County 26%, OK 23%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Ellis County 2.3%, OK 1.5%, United States 1.6%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Ellis County $6.6, OK $4.8, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 10.7% (Oklahoma) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3% (Oklahoma) vs. 45.6% (U.S.)

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 16.7% (Oklahoma) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 30.2% (Oklahoma) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

### Percent Black

- **Ellis County**: 2%
- **OK**: 9%
- **United States**: 14%

### Percent Hispanic

- **Ellis County**: 18%
- **OK**: 17%
- **United States**: 19.1%

### Percent over age 65

- **Ellis County**: 10%
- **OK**: 13.5%
- **United States**: 13.0%

### Percent college grad

- **Ellis County**: 15%
- **OK**: 16%
- **United States**: 21%

### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)

- **Ellis County**: 2
- **OK**: 66
- **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—one 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