County Facts: Fairbanks North Star Borough, AK
Population 100,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Fairbanks North Star Borough 6.3%, AK 7.0%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Fairbanks North Star Borough 4.4%, AK 8.9%, United States 10.8%
- Median family income (000s): Fairbanks North Star Borough $79, AK $76, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Fairbanks North Star Borough 20%, AK 18%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Fairbanks North Star Borough 10%, AK 4%, United States 2%
- Farming share of workforce: Fairbanks North Star Borough 2.5%, AK 1.7%, United States 1.4%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Fairbanks North Star Borough 1.4%, AK 1.4%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Fairbanks North Star Borough 43%, AK 37%, United States 18%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Fairbanks North Star Borough 46%, AK 17%, United States 10%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Fairbanks North Star Borough 20%, AK 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Fairbanks North Star Borough 10%, AK 16%, United States 15%
- Percent landing in jail: Fairbanks North Star Borough 1.5%, AK 1.1%, United States 1.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Fairbanks North Star Borough $9.4, AK $7.4, United States $6.4

Legend:
- Dark blue: Fairbanks North Star Borough
- Light blue: AK
- White: United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **U of Alaska Fairbanks (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 8.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 9.3%
- **Alaska 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 37.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 8.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 37.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

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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