County Facts: Fairfax city, VA
Population 24,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 2.9% 3.7% 4.4%
Poverty rate 5.2% 11.4%
Median family income (000s) $130 $67 $57
Population growth 2000-2017 12%
Manufacturing share of workforce 16%
Farming share of workforce 7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 3%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 62%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 32%
Percent achieving American Dream 23%
Percent giving birth as a teen 17%
Percent landing in jail 0.4%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $7.4

Fairfax city VA United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **George Mason Univ. (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 6.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 68.7%

- Virginia 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 6.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 59.2%

- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Northern Virginia CC (public)†
  - Low-income share of students: 9.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 47.9%

- Virginia 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 13.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 35.3%

- 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

- **Fairfax city, VA**
  - Percent Black: 7%
  - Percent Hispanic: 9%
  - Percent over age 65: 12.2%
  - Percent college grad: 21%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 48
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15

- **VA**
  - Percent Black: 14%
  - Percent Hispanic: 13%
  - Percent over age 65: 13.0%
  - Percent college grad: 26%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 11
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15

- **United States**
  - Percent Black: 17%
  - Percent Hispanic: 17%
  - Percent over age 65: 43%
  - Percent college grad: 21%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76
  - Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 16
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