County Facts: Fairfield County, SC
Population 23,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Fairfield County 7.4%, SC 4.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Fairfield County 17.0%, SC 12.2%, United States 10.5%
- Median family income (000s): Fairfield County $57, SC $54, United States $51
- Population growth 2000-2017: Fairfield County 25%, SC 16%, United States 12%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Fairfield County 13%, SC 8%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Fairfield County 0.7%, SC 0.4%, United States 3%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Fairfield County 4.7%, SC 4.4%, United States 4.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Fairfield County 32%, SC 43%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Fairfield County 8%, SC 14%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Fairfield County 3%, SC 5%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Fairfield County 25%, SC 20%, United States 15%
- Percent landing in jail: Fairfield County 20%, SC 1.9%, United States 1.9%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Fairfield County $9.0, SC $5.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 9.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 48.3%

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 16.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 13.7%

Local Demographics
- Percent Black: 48%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 14.9%
- Percent college grad: 25%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 115
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15

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