County Facts: Faulkner County, AR
Population 124,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.3% (Faulkner County), 3.7% (AR), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 14.5% (Faulkner County), 15.1% (AR), 18.5% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $53 (Faulkner County), $44 (AR), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 44% (Faulkner County), 12% (AR), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (Faulkner County), 10% (AR), 9% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.8% (Faulkner County), 2.7% (AR), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.1% (Faulkner County), 2.6% (AR), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 42% (Faulkner County), 37% (AR), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 19% (Faulkner County), 15% (AR), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 9% (Faulkner County), 7% (AR), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 19% (Faulkner County), 20% (AR), 27% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.1% (Faulkner County), 1.5% (AR), 1.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.5 (Faulkner County), $5.0 (AR), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **U of Central Arkansas (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 10.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 9.3%
- **Arkansas 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 12.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 45.7%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 51.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 43.7%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Pulaski Tech College (public)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 20.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 15.6%
- **Arkansas 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 21.8%
  - Low-income student success rate: 22.7%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 24.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Faulkner County: 16%
  - AR: 14%
  - United States: 10%
- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Faulkner County: 17%
  - AR: 7%
  - United States: 4%
- **Percent over age 65**
  - Faulkner County: 14.4%
  - AR: 10.0%
  - United States: 10.0%
- **Percent college grad**
  - Faulkner County: 3.0%
  - AR: 15%
  - United States: 15%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Faulkner County: 85
  - AR: 76
  - United States: 82.4
- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Faulkner County: 85
  - AR: 81.5
  - United States: 81.5
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**
  - Faulkner County: 8
  - AR: 6
  - United States: 6

*All data is for the year 2020.*
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