County Facts: Fulton County, AR
Population 12,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.2% Fulton County, 3.7% AR, 4.7% United States
Poverty rate: 18.5% Fulton County, 5.1% AR, 16% United States
Median family income (000s): $38 Fulton County, $44 AR, $57 United States
Population growth 2000-2017: 12% Fulton County, 4% AR, 10% United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% Fulton County, 12% AR, 13% United States
Farming share of workforce: 14% Fulton County, 10% AR, 10% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% Fulton County, 2.7% AR, 1.5% United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 34% Fulton County, 37% AR, 46% United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 11% Fulton County, 15% AR, 15% United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 6% Fulton County, 7% AR, 6% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 23% Fulton County, 20% AR, 20% United States
Percent landing in jail: 1.6% Fulton County, 1.5% AR, 1.7% United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.6 Fulton County, $5.0 AR, $6.4 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 12.5% (Arkansas) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Arkansas) vs. 43.7% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 26.7% (Arkansas) vs. 21.8% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 21.8% (Arkansas) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Fulton County) vs. 16% (AR) vs. 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 3% (Fulton County) vs. 17% (AR) vs. 7% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 22.4% (Fulton County) vs. 14.4% (AR) vs. 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Fulton County) vs. 15% (AR) vs. 11% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 85 (Fulton County) vs. 76 (AR) vs. 76 (United States)

*: 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