County Facts: Fulton County, NY
Population 54,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.8% (Fulton County), 4.7% (NY), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 18.5% (Fulton County), 15.4% (NY), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $62 (Fulton County), $57 (NY), $45 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: -2% (Fulton County), 5% (NY), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Fulton County), 13% (NY), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 2.1% (Fulton County), 0.7% (NY), 3.9% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Fulton County), 3.8% (NY), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 47% (Fulton County), 46% (NY), 20% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 57% (Fulton County), 25% (NY), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 14% (Fulton County), 10% (NY), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Fulton County), 15% (NY), 14% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 0.6% (Fulton County), 0.9% (NY), 0.6% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.9 (Fulton County), $9.6 (NY), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: New York 4-year-college average: 14.0%, U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: New York 4-year-college average: 58.6%, U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: SUNY Fulton-Montgomery CC (public): 19.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average: 37.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: SUNY Fulton-Montgomery CC (public): 36.3%, U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Fulton County: 3%, NY: 16%, United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Fulton County: 7%, NY: 18%, United States: 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Fulton County: 13.5%, NY: 13.0%, United States: 13%
- **Percent college grad**: Fulton County: 74, NY: 76, United States: 82.1
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Fulton County: 82.1, NY: 83.9, United States: 83.2
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Fulton County: 83.2, NY: 83.9, United States: 83.9

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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