**County Facts: Gadsden County, FL**

Population 46,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate:** 5.3% (Gadsden County), 4.1% (FL), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate:** 17.9% (Gadsden County), 16.1% (FL), 15.1% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s):** $57 (Gadsden County), $50 (FL), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017:** 31% (Gadsden County), 2% (FL), 10% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce:** 4% (Gadsden County), 5% (FL), 4% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce:** 10% (Gadsden County), 1.3% (FL), 4.1% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp):** 4.1% (Gadsden County), 6.4% (FL), 4.7% (United States)

### How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college:** 34% (Gadsden County), 45% (FL), 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class:** 16% (Gadsden County), 16% (FL), 8% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream:** 3% (Gadsden County), 3% (FL), 8% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen:** 20% (Gadsden County), 20% (FL), 20% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail:** 1.5% (Gadsden County), 1.5% (FL), 1.8% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s):** $5.6 (Gadsden County), $6.3 (FL), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Florida State Univ. (public)†: 6.3%
  - Florida 4-year-college average: 14.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Florida State Univ. (public)†: 61.0%
  - Florida 4-year-college average: 44.9%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Tallahassee CC (public)†: 15.6%
  - Florida 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 27.1%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Tallahassee CC (public)†: 28.9%
  - Florida 2-year-college average: 28.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

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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