County Facts: Galax city, VA
Population 7,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.5% (Galax city), 3.7% (VA), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 16.5% (Galax city), 11.4% (VA), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $67 (Galax city), $57 (VA), $40 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 20% (Galax city), 16% (VA), 15.1% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Galax city), 7% (VA), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 2.6% (Galax city), 0.9% (VA), 1.7% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.1% (Galax city), 4.7% (VA), 5.4% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 50% (Galax city), 46% (VA), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 23% (Galax city), 14% (VA), 11% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (Galax city), 10% (VA), 6% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 11% (Galax city), 17% (VA), 16% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.8% (Galax city), 1.6% (VA), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Galax city), $6.4 (VA), $5.0 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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

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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