County Facts: Garland County, AR
Population 99,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.0% Garland County, 3.7% AR, 4.4% United States
- Poverty rate: 8.5% Garland County, 5.1% AR, 20.5% United States
- Median family income (000s): $42 Garland County, $44 AR, $57 United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% Garland County, 12% AR, 10% United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% Garland County, 10% AR, 10% United States
- Farming share of workforce: 2.0% Garland County, 2.7% AR, 1.7% United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.4% Garland County, 2.6% AR, 4.7% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 42% Garland County, 37% AR, 46% United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 16% Garland County, 15% AR, 20% United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 8% Garland County, 7% AR, 10% United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% Garland County, 20% AR, 27% United States
- Percent landing in jail: 1.0% Garland County, 1.7% AR, 1.5% United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.5 Garland County, $5.0 AR, $6.4 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Henderson State Univ. (public)† 13.5%, Arkansas 4-year-college average 12.5%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Henderson State Univ. (public)† 43.2%, Arkansas 4-year-college average 43.7%, U.S. 4-year-college average 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: National Park CC (public) 22.7%, Arkansas 2-year-college average 21.8%, U.S. 2-year-college average 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: National Park CC (public) 21.3%, Arkansas 2-year-college average 24.1%, U.S. 2-year-college average 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Garland County 11%, AR 16%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Garland County 17%, AR 7%, United States 4.4%
- Percent over age 65: Garland County 20.9%, AR 3.0%, United States 13%
- Percent college grad: Garland County 21%, AR 85, United States 15%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Garland County 81.9, AR 76, United States 81.5
- Life expectancy (years): Garland County 83.2, AR 6, United States 18
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Garland County 15, AR 6, United States 145
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