County Facts: Gilmer County, GA  
Population 31,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Gilmer County: 5.0% | GA: 4.7% | United States: 4.4%
Poverty rate | Gilmer County: 18.8% | GA: 17.8% | United States: 15.1%
Median family income (000s) | Gilmer County: $57 | GA: $53 | United States: $45
Manufacturing share of workforce | Gilmer County: 15.1% | GA: 11% | United States: 10%
Farming share of workforce | Gilmer County: 6.8% | GA: 1.3% | United States: 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) | Gilmer County: 6.8% | GA: 5.4% | United States: 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college | Gilmer County: 31% | GA: 46% | United States: 43%
Percent reaching upper-middle class | Gilmer County: 12% | GA: 20% | United States: 16%
Percent achieving American Dream | Gilmer County: 5% | GA: 10% | United States: 6%
Percent giving birth as a teen | Gilmer County: 25% | GA: 24% | United States: 20%
Percent landing in jail | Gilmer County: 2.2% | GA: 1.5% | United States: 0.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) | Gilmer County: $6.4 | GA: $5.9 | United States: $5.3
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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*: 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