County Facts: Graham County, AZ
Population 37,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Graham County 5.4%, AZ 4.8%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Graham County 20.4%, AZ 17.7%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Graham County $41, AZ $53, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Graham County 12%, AZ 16%, United States 4%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Graham County 7%, AZ 4%, United States 1%
- Farming share of workforce: Graham County 10%, AZ 14%, United States 17%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Graham County 11.8%, AZ 5.9%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Graham County 34%, AZ 41%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Graham County 14%, AZ 17%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Graham County 9%, AZ 8%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Graham County 22%, AZ 20%, United States 9%
- Percent landing in jail: Graham County 2.4%, AZ 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Graham County $4.3, AZ $5.6, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 14.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 34.2%

Arizona 4-year-college average: 9.3%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 50.3%

Eastern Arizona College (public)
Arizona 2-year-college average: 15.6%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 31.2%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Graham County 2%, AZ 5%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Graham County 17%, AZ 30%, United States 30%
- Percent over age 65: Graham County 11.4%, AZ 13.8%, United States 13.8%
- Percent college grad: Graham County 10%, AZ 19%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Graham County 81, AZ 76, United States 82.9
- Life expectancy (years): Graham County 83, AZ 83.3, United States 83.2

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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