County Facts: Habersham County, GA
Population 45,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Habersham County 4.6%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Habersham County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 5.6%
- Median family income (000s): Habersham County $38, GA $53, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Habersham County 24%, GA 27%, United States 15.1%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Habersham County 6.1%, GA 5.4%, United States 4.7%
- Farming share of workforce: Habersham County 19.3%, GA 17.8%, United States 15.1%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Habersham County 11%, GA 10%, United States 3.9%
- Population: Habersham County 45,000

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Habersham County 42%, GA 43%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Habersham County 15%, GA 16%, United States 20%
- Percent reaching American Dream: Habersham County 6%, GA 6%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Habersham County 23%, GA 20%, United States 25%
- Percent landing in jail: Habersham County 1.3%, GA 1.5%, United States 2.2%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Habersham County $5.4, GA $5.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Habersham County
  - Low-income share of students: 7.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 31.1%

- Georgia 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 48.2%

- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 31.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Habersham County
  - Low-income share of students: 29.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 22.9%

- Georgia 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 23.5%

- U.S. 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 20.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
  - Habersham County: 10%
  - GA: 32%
  - United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic
  - Habersham County: 14%
  - GA: 9%
  - United States: 7%
- Percent over age 65
  - Habersham County: 15.3%
  - GA: 13.0%
  - United States: 10%
- Percent college grad
  - Habersham County: 21%
  - GA: 28
  - United States: 84
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
  - Habersham County: 0.7
  - GA: 28
  - United States: 76
- Life expectancy (years)
  - Habersham County: 82.9
  - GA: 82.4
  - United States: 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)
  - Habersham County: 10
  - GA: 28
  - United States: 84
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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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