County Facts: Hardin County, TN
Population 26,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.7% (Hardin County), 3.7% (TN), 4.9% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 20.8% (Hardin County), 17.3% (TN), 19.4% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $48 (Hardin County), $57 (TN), $67 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 1% (Hardin County), 18% (TN), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 18% (Hardin County), 13% (TN), 21% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 21% (Hardin County), 10% (TN), 1.0% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 6.1% (Hardin County), 3.6% (TN), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 34% (Hardin County), 40% (TN), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 13% (Hardin County), 15% (TN), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 7% (Hardin County), 6% (TN), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 24% (Hardin County), 20% (TN), 25% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.9% (Hardin County), 1.5% (TN), 1.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.1 (Hardin County), $4.9 (TN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.4% (Tennessee 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 44.8% (Tennessee 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.9% (Tennessee 2-year-college average), 15.3% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6% (Tennessee 2-year-college average), 27.2% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 19% (Hardin County), 17% (TN), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Hardin County), 2% (TN), 5% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 18.5% (Hardin County), 13.4% (TN), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Hardin County), 18% (TN), 9% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 67 (Hardin County), 76 (TN), 18 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 81.2 (Hardin County), 81.9 (TN), 83.2 (United States)
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