County Facts: Harris County, TX
Population 4,653,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Harris County: 5.0%, TX: 4.3%, United States: 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Harris County: 17.9%, TX: 6.6%, United States: 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Harris County: $57, TX: $56, United States: $55
- Population growth 2000-2017: Harris County: 37%, TX: 36%, United States: 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Harris County: 10%, TX: 9%, United States: 0.3%
- Farming share of workforce: Harris County: 10%, TX: 1.1%, United States: 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Harris County: 1.7%, TX: 3.3%, United States: 3.3%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Harris County: 43%, TX: 41%, United States: 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Harris County: 22%, TX: 20%, United States: 22%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Harris County: 11%, TX: 10%, United States: 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Harris County: 23%, TX: 20%, United States: 19%
- Percent landing in jail: Harris County: 1.9%, TX: 1.9%, United States: 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Harris County: $5.7, TX: $5.8, United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 59.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 17.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 40.6%

**Local Demographics**

- Percent Black: Harris County 20%, TX 42%, United States 13%
- Percent Hispanic: Harris County 14%, TX 38%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Harris County 13%, TX 8.1%, United States 10.3%
- Percent college grad: Harris County 21%, TX 19%, United States 18%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Harris County 59, TX 71, United States 83.0
- Life expectancy (years): Harris County 82.9, TX 83.0, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Harris County 6, TX 5, United States 15

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