County Facts: Hernando County, FL
Population 187,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.1% (Hernando County), 4.1% (FL), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 16.1% (Hernando County), 14.9% (FL), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income ($000s): $57 (Hernando County), $50 (FL), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 14.9% (Hernando County), 16% (FL), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 31% (Hernando County), 16% (FL), 5% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 10% (Hernando County), 5% (FL), 5% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Hernando County), 1.3% (FL), 1.2% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% (Hernando County), 45% (FL), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Hernando County), 14% (FL), 16% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Hernando County), 9% (FL), 8% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Hernando County), 20% (FL), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.8% (Hernando County), 1.8% (FL), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student ($000s): $6.3 (Hernando County), $5.5 (FL), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 14.5%
- Florida 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 55.3%
- U of S. Florida (public)†: 15.4%
- Florida 4-year-college average: 18.5%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 32.6%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 44.9%
- Florida 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%
- Hillsborough CC (public)†: 28.9%
- Florida 2-year-college average: 28.9%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Hernando County: 6%, FL: 17%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Hernando County: 12%, FL: 24%, United States: 17%
- Percent over age 65: Hernando County: 17%, FL: 25.8%, United States: 17.3%
- Percent college grad: Hernando County: 13%, FL: 20%, United States: 21%
- Life expectancy (years): Hernando County: 82.0, FL: 83.1, United States: 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Hernando County: 11, FL: 15, United States: 15

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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