County Facts: Houston County, AL
Population 104,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.3% (Houston County), 4.4% (AL), 5.1% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 18.4% (Houston County), 18.4% (AL), 16% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $40 (Houston County), $46 (AL), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% (Houston County), 15.1% (AL), 15.1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Houston County), 10% (AL), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 14% (Houston County), 14% (AL), 14% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.1% (Houston County), 2.1% (AL), 2.1% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 37% (Houston County), 41% (AL), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15% (Houston County), 15% (AL), 15% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Houston County), 6% (AL), 6% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Houston County), 20% (AL), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.7% (Houston County), 1.7% (AL), 1.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.2 (Houston County), $4.8 (AL), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 22.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Troy State Univ. Dothan (public)*
- Low-income share of students: 11.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 44.3%

Alabama 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.2%

U.S. 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 19.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.7%

George C. Wallace CC (public)†
- Low-income share of students: 22.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 19.1%

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

U.S. 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 26.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.7%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 24% (Houston County), 14% (AL), 13% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 26% (Houston County), 4% (AL), 4% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Houston County), 13.8% (AL), 13% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Houston County), 16% (AL), 13% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 88 (Houston County), 68 (AL), 76 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2 (Houston County), 82.1 (AL), 81.7 (United States)

Houston County AL 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