County Facts: Hudson County, NJ
Population 692,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 4.4% 4.6% 4.4%
Poverty rate 17.2% 15.1% 10.8%
Median family income (000s) $63 $76 $57
Population growth 2000-2017 14% 7% 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce 16% 10% 15.1%
Farming share of workforce 0.2% 0.5% 4.6%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.6% 4.6% 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 49% 46% 20%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 60% 31% 20%
Percent achieving American Dream 14% 16% 14%
Percent giving birth as a teen 19% 12% 10%
Percent landing in jail 20% 1.4% 1.0%

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 20.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 61.4%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 36.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 37.3%

**New Jersey City Univ. (public)**
- Low-income share of students: 9.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 49.9%

**New Jersey 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 14.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 29.2%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 36.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.3%

**Hudson County CC (public)**
- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 29.2%

**New Jersey 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 14.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 29.2%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 36.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.3%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 15%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 43%
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.5%
- **Percent college grad**: 28%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 81
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.7
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 17

**Hudson County**
- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 19%
- Percent over age 65: 10.4%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 64
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 17

**NJ**
- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 10.4%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 64
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 17

**United States**
- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 10.4%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 64
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 17
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