**County Facts: Independence County, AR**

Population 38,000

**The Local Economy**

- Unemployment rate: Independence County 4.2%, AR 3.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Independence County 20.0%, AR 18.5%, United States 16.8%
- Median family income (000s): Independence County $57, AR $44, United States $51
- Population growth 2000-2017: Independence County 10%, AR 12%, United States 10%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Independence County 16%, AR 14%, United States 12%
- Farming share of workforce: Independence County 4.3%, AR 2.7%, United States 2.6%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Independence County 1.7%, AR 2.7%, United States 2.6%

**How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out**

- Percent graduating any college: Independence County 39%, AR 37%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Independence County 16%, AR 15%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Independence County 8%, AR 7%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Independence County 24%, AR 20%, United States 17%
- Percent landing in jail: Independence County 1.7%, AR 1.5%, United States 2.0%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Independence County $5.1, AR $5.0, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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Local Demographics

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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