County Facts: Jackson County, AR
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**
  - Jackson County: 5.8%
  - AR: 4.4%
  - United States: 3.7%

- **Poverty rate**
  - Jackson County: 19.4%
  - AR: 18.5%
  - United States: 18.5%

- **Median family income (000s)**
  - Jackson County: $57
  - AR: $44
  - United States: $40

- **Population growth 2000-2017**
  - Jackson County: 16%
  - AR: 12%
  - United States: -7%

- **Manufacturing share of workforce**
  - Jackson County: 14%
  - AR: 10%
  - United States: 12%

- **Farming share of workforce**
  - Jackson County: 4.4%
  - AR: 2.7%
  - United States: 2.6%

- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**
  - Jackson County: 1.7%
  - AR: 2.0%
  - United States: 2.0%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**
  - Jackson County: 33%
  - AR: 37%
  - United States: 46%

- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**
  - Jackson County: 12%
  - AR: 15%
  - United States: 20%

- **Percent achieving American Dream**
  - Jackson County: 6%
  - AR: 7%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**
  - Jackson County: 27%
  - AR: 20%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent landing in jail**
  - Jackson County: 1.5%
  - AR: 1.7%
  - United States: 2.0%

- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**
  - Jackson County: $5.0
  - AR: $5.0
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

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Jackson County AR 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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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