County Facts: Jefferson County, AL
Population 659,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
Poverty rate
Median family income (000s)
Population growth 2000-2017
Manufacturing share of workforce
Farming share of workforce
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
Percent reaching upper-middle class
Percent achieving American Dream
Percent giving birth as a teen
Percent landing in jail
Local school expenditure per student (000s)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 32.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 44.3%

**2-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 19.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.3%

**Virginia College (for-profit)**
- Low-income share of students: 11.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.7%

**Jefferson State CC (public)**
- Low-income share of students: 11.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.3%

**Alabama 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 32.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

**Alabama 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 22%
- Low-income student success rate: 16%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 32.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 16%
- Low-income student success rate: 16%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 44%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.8%
- **Percent college grad**: 22%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents)**: 86
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 25

**Jefferson County**
- Percent Black: 26%
- Percent Hispanic: 4%
- Percent over age 65: 13.1%
- Percent college grad: 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): 68
- Life expectancy (years): 81.8
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 9

**AL**
- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 4%
- Percent over age 65: 13%
- Percent college grad: 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): 76
- Life expectancy (years): 81.7
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 9

**United States**
- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 4%
- Percent over age 65: 13%
- Percent college grad: 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): 76
- Life expectancy (years): 81.7
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 9
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