County Facts: Jefferson Davis Parish, LA
Population 31,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.9% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 5.3% (LA), 6.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.4% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 4.9% (LA), 5.3% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $41 (Jefferson Davis Parish), $45 (LA), $48 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 5% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 5% (LA), 6% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 9% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 9% (LA), 9% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.3% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 1.2% (LA), 1.1% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.4% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 2.6% (LA), 3.2% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 50% (LA), 50% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 24% (LA), 25% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 13% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 14% (LA), 15% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 29% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 30% (LA), 30% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 20% (Jefferson Davis Parish), 20% (LA), 20% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.7 (Jefferson Davis Parish), $4.8 (LA), $5.0 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Mcneese State Univ. (public): 12.8%
  - Louisiana 4-year-college average: 14.9%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Mcneese State Univ. (public): 42.9%
  - Louisiana 4-year-college average: 42.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Mcneese State Univ. (public): 15.6%
  - Louisiana 2-year-college average: 23.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 24.6%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Mcneese State Univ. (public): 32.9%
  - Louisiana 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 24.6%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 34%
  - LA: 33%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 17%
  - LA: 14.5%
  - United States: 3%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 12.3%
  - LA: 13%
  - United States: 5%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 14%
  - LA: 12%
  - United States: 15%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 141
  - LA: 130
  - United States: 76

- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Jefferson Davis Parish: 83.2
  - LA: 81.7
  - United States: 81.1

- **Jefferson Davis Parish**
  - LA
  - United States
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