County Facts: Jefferson County, GA
Population 16,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Jefferson County 4.7%, GA 4.4%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Jefferson County 7.8%, GA 5.1%, United States 5.1%
Median family income (000s): Jefferson County $57, GA $35, United States $35
Manufacturing share of workforce: Jefferson County 16%, GA 11%, United States 11%
Farming share of workforce: Jefferson County 1.3%, GA 1.7%, United States 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Jefferson County 4.2%, GA 5.4%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Jefferson County 46%, GA 43%, United States 43%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Jefferson County 16%, GA 16%, United States 16%
Percent achieving American Dream: Jefferson County 31%, GA 6%, United States 6%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Jefferson County 2.2%, GA 0.15%, United States 0.15%
Percent landing in jail: Jefferson County 2.0%, GA 1.5%, United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Jefferson County $6.4, GA $5.9, United States $5.9
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Paine College†: 30.1%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Paine College†: 48.2%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 26.4%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Augusta Tech College (public)†: 26.4%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 22.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Augusta Tech College (public)†: 23.5%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 16.8%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 48% (Jefferson County), 32% (GA), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Jefferson County), 9% (GA), 3% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 14.8% (Jefferson County), 10.7% (GA), 8% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 13.0% (Jefferson County), 8% (GA), 10.7% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 125 (Jefferson County), 84 (GA), 76 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 16 (Jefferson County), 10 (GA), 15 (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
- 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