**County Facts: Kennebec County, ME**
Population 122,000

**The Local Economy**

- **Unemployment rate**: Kennebec County 3.2%, ME 3.3%, United States 3.4%
- **Poverty rate**: Kennebec County 13.7%, ME 15.1%, United States 16%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Kennebec County $48, ME $52, United States $57
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Kennebec County 4%, ME 5%, United States 7%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Kennebec County 9%, ME 10%, United States 11%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Kennebec County 3.4%, ME 4.7%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Kennebec County 2.6%, ME 3.0%

**How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out**

- **Percent graduating any college**: Kennebec County 48%, ME 46%, United States 49%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Kennebec County 19%, ME 20%, United States 20%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Kennebec County 11%, ME 11%, United States 11%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Kennebec County 0.7%, ME 0.7%, United States 0.7%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Kennebec County 1.5%, ME 1.5%, United States 20%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Kennebec County $6.8, ME $6.8, United States $6.4
## Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 36.2%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 21.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

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

## Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 1%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 1%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%
- **Percent college grad**: 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 69
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.5
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 27

### Notes:
- Kennebec County
- ME
- 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