County Facts: Kent County, DE
Population 177,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Kent County 5.0%, DE 4.6%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Kent County 15.1%, DE 12.7%, United States 10.8%
Median family income (000s): Kent County $63, DE $57, United States $56
Population growth 2000-2017: Kent County 15.1%, DE 13.7%, United States 9.4%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Kent County 10%, DE 8%, United States 7.1%
Farming share of workforce: Kent County 1.7%, DE 1.1%, United States 0.9%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Kent County 4.8%, DE 4.7%, United States 4.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Kent County 38%, DE 46%, United States 45%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Kent County 17%, DE 22%, United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Kent County 7%, DE 8%, United States 9%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Kent County 8%, DE 20%, United States 21%
Percent landing in jail: Kent County 2.3%, DE 2.0%, United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Kent County $6.8, DE $6.4, United States $6.6
### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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- **Delaware Tech CC of Dover, DE**: Low-income share of students and low-income student success rate compared to Delaware and U.S. averages.

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

### Local Demographics

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- **Kent County**: Percent Black, Percent Hispanic, Percent over age 65, Percent college grad, Crime rate, Life expectancy, Opioid deaths compared to Delaware and U.S. averages.

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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