County Facts: Kern County, CA
Population 893,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Kern County 9.2%, CA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Kern County 22.3%, CA 5.9%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Kern County $67, CA $57, United States $50
- Population growth 2000-2017: Kern County 35%, CA 17%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Kern County 10%, CA 5%, United States 5%
- Farming share of workforce: Kern County 13.3%, CA 2.7%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Kern County 5.9%, CA 5.8%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Kern County 45%, CA 46%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Kern County 21%, CA 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Kern County 13%, CA 12%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Kern County 26%, CA 20%, United States 16%
- Percent landing in jail: Kern County 1.5%, CA 1.0%, United States 1.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Kern County $5.8, CA $5.7, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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

Local Demographics

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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