County Facts: Knox County, IL
Population 51,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
- Knox County: 4.9%
- Illinois: 4.4%
- United States: 12.6%
- Change: -9%

Poverty rate
- Knox County: 16.0%
- Illinois: 14.0%
- United States: 14.0%
- Change: 1%

Median family income (000s)
- Knox County: $55
- Illinois: $57
- United States: $55

Unemployment spike (pp)
- Knox County: 5.1%
- Illinois: 5.2%
- United States: 4.7%

Population growth 2000-2017
- Knox County: 1.7%
- Illinois: 1.5%
- United States: 1.1%

Manufacturing share of workforce
- Knox County: 15.1%
- Illinois: 14.0%
- United States: 14.0%

Farming share of workforce
- Knox County: 4.6%
- Illinois: 4.6%
- United States: 4.6%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
- Knox County: 50%
- Illinois: 53%
- United States: 53%

Percent reaching upper-middle class
- Knox County: 21%
- Illinois: 25%
- United States: 25%

Percent achieving American Dream
- Knox County: 8%
- Illinois: 10%
- United States: 10%

Percent giving birth as a teen
- Knox County: 18%
- Illinois: 18%
- United States: 18%

Percent landing in jail
- Knox County: 1.1%
- Illinois: 1.2%
- United States: 1.2%

Local school expenditure per student (000s)
- Knox County: $4.3
- Illinois: $5.7
- United States: $5.7
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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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