County Facts: Lafourche Parish, LA
Population 98,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.2% (Lafourche Parish), 5.3% (LA), 5.3% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.4% (Lafourche Parish), 5.1% (LA), 5.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $49 (Lafourche Parish), $45 (LA), $45 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Lafourche Parish), 11% (LA), 11% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 2.4% (Lafourche Parish), 1.3% (LA), 1.3% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Lafourche Parish), 1.3% (LA), 1.3% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.6% (Lafourche Parish), 2.1% (LA), 2.1% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 46% (Lafourche Parish), 40% (LA), 40% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 28% (Lafourche Parish), 20% (LA), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15% (Lafourche Parish), 10% (LA), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 29% (Lafourche Parish), 24% (LA), 24% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.0% (Lafourche Parish), 1.5% (LA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Lafourche Parish), $4.8 (LA), $4.8 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Nicholls State Univ. (public)**
- **Louisiana 4-year-college average**
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Nicholls State Univ. (public)**
- **Louisiana 2-year-college average**
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 17%, 14%, 4%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 33%, 5%, 12.5%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%, 12.3%
- **Percent college grad**: 13.0%, 11%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 21%, 15%, 72
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 21%, 15%, 82.3

- **Lafourche Parish**
- **LA**
- **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