County Facts: Lauderdale County, AL
Population 93,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Lauderdale County 4.6%, AL 4.4%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Lauderdale County 5.1%, AL 5.1%, United States 5.1%
Median family income (000s): Lauderdale County $42, AL $46, United States $46
Population growth 2000-2017: Lauderdale County 5%, AL 5%, United States 5%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Lauderdale County 10%, AL 10%, United States 10%
Farming share of workforce: Lauderdale County 14%, AL 14%, United States 14%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lauderdale County 1.6%, AL 1.4%, United States 1.4%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Lauderdale County 44%, AL 41%, United States 41%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lauderdale County 18%, AL 15%, United States 15%
Percent achieving American Dream: Lauderdale County 9%, AL 6%, United States 6%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Lauderdale County 19%, AL 20%, United States 20%
Percent landing in jail: Lauderdale County 0.8%, AL 0.8%, United States 0.8%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lauderdale County $5.0, AL $4.8, United States $4.8

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### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - U of N. Alabama (public): 8.7%
  - Alabama 4-year-college average: 11.7%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - U of N. Alabama (public): 42.0%
  - Alabama 4-year-college average: 44.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Northwest - Shoals CC (public): 20.0%
  - Alabama 2-year-college average: 19.1%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Northwest - Shoals CC (public): 25.2%
  - Alabama 2-year-college average: 26.7%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Lauderdale County: 11%
  - AL: 14%
  - United States: 5%

- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Lauderdale County: 17%
  - AL: 4%
  - United States: 13%

- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Lauderdale County: 16.8%
  - AL: 13.8%
  - United States: 13%

- **Percent college grad:**
  - Lauderdale County: 21%
  - AL: 13%
  - United States: 16%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Lauderdale County: 55
  - AL: 68
  - United States: 82.3

- **Life expectancy (years):**
  - Lauderdale County: 81.7
  - AL: 82.3
  - United States: 83.2
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