Lawrence County, AL

Population 33,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Lawrence County 4.9%, AL 4.4%, United States 5.1%
- Poverty rate: Lawrence County 18.4%, AL 15.4%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Lawrence County $57, AL $46, United States $45
- Population growth 2000-2017: Lawrence County 10%, AL -5%, United States 15.1%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Lawrence County 16%, AL 14%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Lawrence County 21%, AL 14%, United States 1.0%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lawrence County 1.7%, AL 2.0%, United States 5.8%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Lawrence County 36%, AL 41%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lawrence County 20%, AL 15%, United States 15%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Lawrence County 10%, AL 8%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Lawrence County 27%, AL 20%, United States 17%
- Percent landing in jail: Lawrence County 1.7%, AL 0.8%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lawrence County $5.1, AL $4.8, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **U of Alabama In Huntsville (public)†:** 7.9% 11.7% 48.5% 51.3%
- **Alabama 4-year-college average:** 12.8% 19.1% 15.6% 27.4%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average:** 26.7% 32.9%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Calhoun CC (public)†:** 9.3% 15.6% 27.4% 32.9%
- **Alabama 2-year-college average:** 17% 14% 13.0% 29
- **U.S. 2-year-college average:** 14.6% 13% 81.5% 81.7

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:** 13% 14% 14%
- **Percent Hispanic:** 7% 4% 3.8%
- **Percent over age 65:** 17% 14.6% 3.0%
- **Percent college grad:** 21% 16% 13%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):** 68 76 29
- **Life expectancy (years):** 83.2 81.7 81.5
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents):** 6 9 6

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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