County Facts: Lee County, AL
Population 162,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.9%
Poverty rate: 5.1%
Median family income (000s): $49
Population growth 2000-2017: 10%
Manufacturing share of workforce: 41%
Farming share of workforce: 14%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 50%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 46%
Percent achieving American Dream: 19%
Percent giving birth as a teen: 7%
Percent landing in jail: 22%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.1

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 3.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 19.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

**Notes**:
- Auburn Univ. (public)
- Alabama 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average
- Alabama 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Lee County - 24%, AL - 14%, United States - 4%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Lee County - 17%, AL - 7%, United States - 4%
- **Percent over age 65**: Lee County - 13%, AL - 15%, United States - 17%
- **Percent college grad**: Lee County - 23%, AL - 21%, United States - 54%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Lee County - 68, AL - 54, United States - 54
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Lee County - 81.9, AL - 81.7, 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