Lee County, SC

County Facts: Lee County, SC
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 6.0% (Lee County), 4.3% (SC), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 7.0% (Lee County), 5.1% (SC), 4.4% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $35 (Lee County), $49 (SC), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 22.6% (Lee County), 17.0% (SC), 15.1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Lee County), 13% (SC), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 25% (Lee County), 10% (SC), 1.1% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Lee County), 1.1% (SC), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 31% (Lee County), 43% (SC), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 6% (Lee County), 14% (SC), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 3% (Lee County), 5% (SC), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Lee County), 20% (SC), 25% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.8% (Lee County), 1.5% (SC), 1.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.0 (Lee County), $5.4 (SC), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 8.2% (South Carolina), 9.3% (U.S.
- **Low-income student success rate**: 48.3% (South Carolina), 51.3% (U.S.)

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 27.7% (South Carolina), 19.3% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6% (South Carolina), 21.2% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 53% (Lee County), 29% (SC), 14% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 17% (Lee County), 3% (SC), 5% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.7% (Lee County), 13.5% (SC), 13.0% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 21% (Lee County), 19% (SC), 11% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 82 (Lee County), 76 (SC), 64 (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