County Facts: Little River County, AR
Population 12,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.8% (Little River County), 3.7% (AR), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 20.9% (Little River County), 18.5% (AR), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Little River County), $44 (AR), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% (Little River County), 5.1% (AR), -9% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Little River County), 12% (AR), 16% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 17% (Little River County), 17% (AR), 10% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Little River County), 14% (AR), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 28% (Little River County), 28% (AR), 27% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 13% (Little River County), 15% (AR), 15% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 7% (Little River County), 7% (AR), 7% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Little River County), 20% (AR), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Little River County), 1.7% (AR), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Little River County), $5.0 (AR), $5.0 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 12.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

**2-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 21.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

**Local Demographics**

- Percent Black: Little River County: 26%, AR: 16%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Little River County: 17%, AR: 5%, United States: 7%
- Percent over age 65: Little River County: 17.1%, AR: 14.4%, United States: 13.0%
- Percent college grad: Little River County: 21%, AR: 15%, United States: 10%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Little River County: 85, AR: 54, United States: 76

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county
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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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