County Facts: Marion County, GA
Population 8,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Marion County 6.1%, GA 4.7%, United States 5.6%
- Poverty rate: Marion County 4.4%, GA 7.8%, United States 11.0%
- Median family income (000s): Marion County $57, GA $53, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Marion County 23.8%, GA 17.8%, United States 15.1%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Marion County 14%, GA 11%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Marion County 4.4%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Marion County 4.4%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Marion County 43%, GA 46%, United States 60%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Marion County 16%, GA 20%, United States 25%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Marion County 6%, GA 25%, United States 30%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Marion County 4%, GA 20%, United States 15%
- Percent landing in jail: Marion County 10%, GA 1.4%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Marion County $6.2, GA $5.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 12.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.1%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 47.5%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 41.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 22.9%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 16.8%

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**Georgia Southwestern State Univ. (public)**

- Low-income share of students: 41.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 22.9%

**Georgia 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 16.8%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 23.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 43%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 32%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%
- **Percent college grad**: 13.9%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 13.0%

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**Marion County, GA**

- **Percent Black**: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 4%
- **Percent over age 65**: 9%
- **Percent college grad**: 10.7%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 12%

**GA**

- **Percent Black**: 17%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 14%
- **Percent over age 65**: 10.7%
- **Percent college grad**: 13.0%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 19%

**United States**

- **Percent Black**: 13.9%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 10.7%
- **Percent over age 65**: 12%
- **Percent college grad**: 12%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 21
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