County Facts: Mathews County, VA

Population 9,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Mathews County 3.8% VA 3.7% United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Mathews County 12.6% VA 1.4% United States 15.1%
Median family income (000s): Mathews County $54 VA $57 United States $67
Population growth 2000-2017: Mathews County 20% VA -4% United States 15.1%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Mathews County 10% VA 7% United States 10%
Farming share of workforce: Mathews County 3.6% VA 0.9% United States 4.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Mathews County 1.7% VA 3.8% United States 4.1%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Mathews County 55% VA 50% United States 55%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Mathews County 23% VA 19% United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Mathews County 11% VA 11% United States 11%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Mathews County 20% VA 10% United States 10%
Percent landing in jail: Mathews County 1.8% VA 1.4% United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Mathews County $6.4 VA $6.4 United States $6.4
## Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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- **William and Mary (public)†**
- **Virginia 4-year-college average**
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- **Thomas Nelson CC (public)†**
- **Virginia 2-year-college average**
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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

## Local Demographics

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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