County Facts: Miller County, AR
Population 44,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Miller County 4.3%, AR 3.7%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Miller County 20.9%, AR 18.5%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Miller County $57, AR $44, United States $37
- Population growth 2000-2017: Miller County 9%, AR 12%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Miller County 16%, AR 14%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Miller County 17%, AR 14%, United States 3.0%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Miller County 4.1%, AR 2.7%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Miller County 37%, AR 46%, United States 29%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Miller County 20%, AR 15%, United States 13%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Miller County 10%, AR 7%, United States 7%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Miller County 27%, AR 20%, United States 1.5%
- Percent landing in jail: Miller County 2.5%, AR 1.7%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Miller County $5.6, AR $5.0, United States $6.4
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%

Arkansas 4-year-college average: 12.5%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
Texarkana College (public): 18.8%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 27.5%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Miller County 26%, AR 16%, United States 13.8%
- Percent Hispanic: Miller County 17%, AR 7%, United States 10%
- Percent over age 65: Miller County 14.4%, AR 13.0%, United States 10%
- Percent college grad: Miller County 21%, AR 15%, United States 15%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Miller County 119, AR 85, United States 76
- Life expectancy (years): Miller County 83.2, AR 81.5, United States 81.5

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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