County Facts: Monroe County, AL
Population 21,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Monroe County 6.7%, AL 4.4%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Monroe County 8.4%, AL 5.1%, United States 15.1%
Median family income (000s): Monroe County $57, AL $46, United States $30
Population growth 2000-2017: Monroe County 16%, AL 17%, United States 25.7%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Monroe County 10%, AL 14%, United States 18.4%
Farming share of workforce: Monroe County 14%, AL 10%, United States 15.1%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Monroe County 16%, AL 17%, United States 10.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Monroe County 46%, AL 41%, United States 35%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Monroe County 20%, AL 15%, United States 15%
Percent achieving American Dream: Monroe County 10%, AL 6%, United States 4%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Monroe County 31%, AL 27%, United States 20%
Percent landing in jail: Monroe County 1.7%, AL 1.5%, United States 0.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Monroe County $6.4, AL $4.8, United States $4.3
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 11.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%
- Alabama 4-year-college average: 11.7%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 29.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%
- Alabama Southern CC (public) average: 19.1%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Monroe County: 41%, AL: 26%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Monroe County: 17%, AL: 1%, United States: 1%
- Percent over age 65: Monroe County: 15.7%, AL: 13.8%, United States: 13.0%
- Percent college grad: Monroe County: 21%, AL: 16%, United States: 8%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Monroe County: 80, AL: 68, United States: 76
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