County Facts: Morgan County, AL
Population 119,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.1%
Poverty rate: 15.4%
Median family income (000s): $45
Population growth 2000-2017: 10%
Manufacturing share of workforce: 14%
Farming share of workforce: 14%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 41%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15%
Percent achieving American Dream: 6%
Percent giving birth as a teen: 1.5%
Percent landing in jail: 1.4%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.3

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Morgan County - 7.9%, U of Alabama In Huntsville (public)† - 12.8%, Calhoun CC (public)† - 12.8%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Morgan County - 48.5%, U of Alabama In Huntsville (public)† - 19.1%, Calhoun CC (public)† - 15.6%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Morgan County - 9.3%, U of Alabama In Huntsville (public)† - 14.1%, Calhoun CC (public)† - 27.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Morgan County - 44.3%, U of Alabama In Huntsville (public)† - 32.9%, Calhoun CC (public)† - 26.7%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Morgan County - 13%, AL - 14%, United States - 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Morgan County - 14%, AL - 7%, United States - 4%
- **Percent over age 65**: Morgan County - 13%, AL - 3.0%, United States - 13%
- **Percent college grad**: Morgan County - 21%, AL - 16%, United States - 13%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Morgan County - 72, AL - 68, United States - 81.7
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Morgan County - 76, AL - 81.7, United States - 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Morgan County - 6, AL - 9, United States - 15

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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