County Facts: Murray County, GA
Population 40,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Murray County 6.2% vs. GA 4.7% vs. United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Murray County 18.8% vs. GA 7.8% vs. United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Murray County $57 vs. GA $53 vs. United States $45
- Population growth 2000-2017: Murray County 27% vs. GA 9% vs. United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Murray County 25% vs. GA 11% vs. United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Murray County 1.7% vs. GA 1.3% vs. United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Murray County 7.3% vs. GA 5.4% vs. United States 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Murray County 43% vs. GA 46% vs. United States 21%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Murray County 20% vs. GA 16% vs. United States 8%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Murray County 10% vs. GA 6% vs. United States 3%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Murray County 34% vs. GA 25% vs. United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Murray County 2.2% vs. GA 1.8% vs. United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Murray County $6.4 vs. GA $5.9 vs. United States $4.8
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
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- 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