County Facts: Natchitoches Parish, LA
Population 39,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Natchitoches Parish 6.0%, LA 5.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Natchitoches Parish 26.0%, LA 19.6%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Natchitoches Parish $57, LA $45, United States $34
- Population growth 2000-2017: Natchitoches Parish 2.6%, LA 1.7%, United States 2.6%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Natchitoches Parish 16%, LA 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Natchitoches Parish 2.5%, LA 1.3%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Natchitoches Parish 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Natchitoches Parish 31%, LA 40%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Natchitoches Parish 16%, LA 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Natchitoches Parish 8%, LA 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Natchitoches Parish 34%, LA 29%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Natchitoches Parish 3.4%, LA 2.0%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Natchitoches Parish $6.4, LA $4.8, United States $4.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students
  - Northwestern State Univ. (public): 20.8%
  - Louisiana 4-year-college average: 14.9%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate
  - Northwestern State Univ. (public): 51.3%
  - Louisiana 4-year-college average: 33.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 42.9%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students
  - Bossier Parish CC (public): 23.3%
  - Louisiana 2-year-college average: 17.2%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- Low-income student success rate
  - Bossier Parish CC (public): 32.9%
  - Louisiana 2-year-college average: 24.2%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 24.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Natchitoches Parish (39%) > LA (33%) > United States (14%)
- Percent Hispanic: Natchitoches Parish (17%) > LA (13.5%) > United States (10%)
- Percent over age 65: Natchitoches Parish (13.0%) > LA (15%) > United States (14%)
- Percent college grad: Natchitoches Parish (21%) > LA (15%) > United States (14%)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Natchitoches Parish (130) > LA (76) > United States (81)
- Life expectancy (years): Natchitoches Parish (81.6) > LA (81.7) > United States (81)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Natchitoches Parish (5) > LA (9) > United States (15)
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