County Facts: Ocean County, NJ
Population 598,000

The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Beth Medrash Govoha Of America: 9.0%
  - New Jersey 4-year-college average: 16.7%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 61.4%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Beth Medrash Govoha Of America: 18.2%
  - New Jersey 4-year-college average: 51.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 14.1%

#### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Ocean County College (public): 8.8%
  - New Jersey 2-year-college average: 14.1%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 36.1%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Ocean County College (public): 32.9%
  - New Jersey 2-year-college average: 37.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

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### Local Demographics

#### Percent Black

- **Ocean County:** 4%
- **New Jersey:** 14%
- **U.S.:** 31%

#### Percent Hispanic

- **Ocean County:** 9%
- **New Jersey:** 9%
- **U.S.:** 15%

#### Percent over age 65

- **Ocean County:** 3.5%
- **New Jersey:** 3.0%
- **U.S.:** 3%

#### Percent college grad

- **Ocean County:** 20%
- **New Jersey:** 21%
- **U.S.:** 27%

#### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)

- **Ocean County:** 42
- **New Jersey:** 64
- **U.S.:** 76

#### Life expectancy (years)

- **Ocean County:** 82.9
- **New Jersey:** 83.2
- **U.S.:** 83.7

#### Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)

- **Ocean County:** 22
- **New Jersey:** 15
- **U.S.:** 15
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