**County Facts: Parker County, TX**
Population 133,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 3.5% (Parker County), 4.3% (TX), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 9.6% (Parker County), 15.1% (TX), 16% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $66 (Parker County), $57 (TX), $56 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 11% (Parker County), 16% (TX), 15.1% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 10% (Parker County), 36% (TX), 11% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 2.3% (Parker County), 10% (TX), 9% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike**: 1.1% (Parker County), 3.5% (TX), 3.3% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 38% (Parker County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 20% (Parker County), 20% (TX), 23% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 10% (Parker County), 10% (TX), 13% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 19% (Parker County), 20% (TX), 25% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.8% (Parker County), 1.5% (TX), 1.9% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $5.9 (Parker County), $5.8 (TX), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%
- **U of Texas At Arlington (public) †**:
  - Low-income share of students: 12.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 34.8%
- **Texas 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 37.1%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 17.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 37.1%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 56.0%
- **Weatherford College (public)**:
  - Low-income share of students: 12.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%
- **Texas 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 34.8%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 17.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 34.8%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Parker County: 2%, TX: 11%, United States: 13%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Parker County: 17%, TX: 38%, United States: 14%
- **Percent over age 65**: Parker County: 0.3%, TX: 17%, United States: 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Parker County: 18%, TX: 21%, United States: 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Parker County: 53, TX: 76, United States: 71
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Parker County: 82.8, TX: 83.2, United States: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Parker County: 5, TX: 5, United States: 15

Parker County    TX    United States
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