County Facts: Passaic County, NJ
Population 513,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.7% (Passaic County), 4.6% (NJ), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 16.9% (Passaic County), 10.8% (NJ), 13.0% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $60 (Passaic County), $57 (NJ), $52 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Passaic County), 7% (NJ), 5% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% (Passaic County), 8% (NJ), 6% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Passaic County), 0.5% (NJ), 0.7% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.6% (Passaic County), 4.6% (NJ), 4.6% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 56% (Passaic County), 60% (NJ), 60% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 31% (Passaic County), 27% (NJ), 25% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 16% (Passaic County), 13% (NJ), 12% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 16% (Passaic County), 12% (NJ), 10% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 0.3% (Passaic County), 1.0% (NJ), 1.5% (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.8%, 9.0%, 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%, 57.7%, 61.4%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 32.6%, 14.1%, 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.3%, 32.9%, 29.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 15%, 15%
- Percent Hispanic: 40%
- Percent over age 65: 13.5%
- Percent college grad: 27%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 69, 64
- Life expectancy (years): 83.7, 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 22, 19

- NJ: 14%, 17%, 12.0%, 18%, 3.0%, 21%
- United States: 17%, 19%, 18.0%, 19%, 3.0%, 21%
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