County Facts: Perry County, AL
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Perry County 7.9%, AL 4.4%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Perry County 8.4%, AL 5.1%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Perry County $57, AL $46, United States $46
- Population growth 2000-2017: Perry County 16%, AL 10%, United States 10%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Perry County 17%, AL 14%, United States 14%
- Farming share of workforce: Perry County 3.4%, AL 1.7%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Perry County 8.1%, AL 7.0%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Perry County 37%, AL 41%, United States 41%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Perry County 5%, AL 15%, United States 15%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Perry County 4%, AL 6%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Perry County 27%, AL 20%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Perry County 1.7%, AL 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Perry County $4.8, AL $5.2, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

![Bar chart showing low-income share and student success rate for 4-year and 2-year colleges.]

- **U of Alabama (public)**
  - Low-income share: 6.5%
  - Success rate: 51.1%
  - Low-income share: 51.3%
  - Success rate: 21.6%

- **Shelton State CC (public)**
  - Low-income share: 11.7%
  - Success rate: 44.3%
  - Low-income share: 19.1%
  - Success rate: 23.8%

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- **Local Demographics**

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