**County Facts: Pickett County, TN**
Population 5,000

**The Local Economy**

- Unemployment rate: 4.4% (Pickett County), 3.7% (TN), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 23.5% (Pickett County), 7.3% (TN), 5.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $33 (Pickett County), $48 (TN), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 18% (Pickett County), 3% (TN), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Pickett County), 13% (TN), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Pickett County), 1.3% (TN), 1.0% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.6% (Pickett County), 4.7% (TN), 5.7% (United States)

**How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out**

- Percent graduating any college: 32% (Pickett County), 46% (TN), 40% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 13% (Pickett County), 15% (TN), 8% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Pickett County), 22% (TN), 20% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 2.0% (Pickett County), 1.9% (TN), 1.5% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.0% (Pickett County), 0.4% (TN), 0.3% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.2 (Pickett County), $4.9 (TN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - TN Technological Univ. (public): 8.4%
  - Tennessee 4-year-college average: 9.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 46.5%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 15.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Tennessee 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 27.2%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 17% (Pickett County), 14% (TN), 17% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 4% (Pickett County), 5% (TN), 5% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 22.5% (Pickett County), 13.4% (TN), 13.0% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 13% (Pickett County), 18% (TN), 13% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 67 (Pickett County), 76 (TN), 13 (United States)
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 19 (Pickett County), 15 (TN), 15 (United States)

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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