County Facts: Pulaski County, KY
Population 64,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Pulaski County 5.6%, KY 4.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Pulaski County 4.9%, KY 5.1%, United States 6.5%
- Median family income (000s): Pulaski County $29, KY $46, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Pulaski County 16%, KY 15%, United States 10%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Pulaski County 14%, KY 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Pulaski County 3.6%, KY 17%, United States 17%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Pulaski County 10%, KY 7%, United States 6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Pulaski County 38%, KY 43%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Pulaski County 12%, KY 17%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Pulaski County 5%, KY 7%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Pulaski County 20%, KY 21%, United States 23%
- Percent landing in jail: Pulaski County 1.4%, KY 1.4%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Pulaski County $5.2, KY $6.1, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 28.2%

Kentucky 4-year-college average: 9.3%, 38.4%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 15.6%, 32.9%

Kentucky 2-year-college average: 11.3%, 28.2%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%, 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Pulaski County: 3%, Kentucky: 9%, United States: 3%
- Percent Hispanic: Pulaski County: 3%, Kentucky: 3%, United States: 3%
- Percent over age 65: Pulaski County: 17%, Kentucky: 16.2%, United States: 16%
- Percent college grad: Pulaski County: 21%, Kentucky: 16%, United States: 10%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Pulaski County: 72, Kentucky: 76, United States: 82.2
- Life expectancy (years): Pulaski County: 80.3, Kentucky: 81.9, United States: 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Pulaski County: 16, Kentucky: 15, United States: 16
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