County Facts: Red River Parish, LA
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Red River Parish 5.2%, LA 5.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Red River Parish 9.6%, LA 5.1%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Red River Parish $45, LA $57, United States $34
- Population growth 2000-2017: Red River Parish 16%, LA 10%, United States 10%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Red River Parish 2.5%, LA 1.3%, United States 1.7%
- Farming share of workforce: Red River Parish 2.6%, LA 2.6%, United States 4.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Red River Parish 1.7%, LA 2.0%, United States 1.5%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Red River Parish 27%, LA 40%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Red River Parish 13%, LA 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Red River Parish 8%, LA 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Red River Parish 29%, LA 20%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Red River Parish 2.7%, LA 2.0%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Red River Parish $4.1, LA $4.8, United States $6.4
# Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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- 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)
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- 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)
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Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
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- 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.
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