County Facts: Somerset County, NJ
Population 335,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Somerset County 3.8%, NJ 4.4%, United States 4.6%
- Poverty rate: Somerset County 5.4%, NJ 10.8%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Somerset County $76, NJ $57, United States $104
- Population growth 2000-2017: Somerset County 13%, NJ 7%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Somerset County 10%, NJ 8%, United States 12%
- Farming share of workforce: Somerset County 0.3%, NJ 0.5%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Somerset County 4.6%, NJ 4.6%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Somerset County 72%, NJ 60%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Somerset County 39%, NJ 31%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Somerset County 19%, NJ 16%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Somerset County 20%, NJ 12%, United States 6%
- Percent landing in jail: Somerset County 0.7%, NJ 0.7%, United States 1.5%
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Rutgers (public)†
- New Jersey 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Low-income share of students: 7.9%
Low-income student success rate: 9.0%

2-Year Colleges

- Raritan Valley CC (public)
- New Jersey 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

Low-income share of students: 5.4%
Low-income student success rate: 14.1%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
- Percent Hispanic
- Percent over age 65
- Percent college grad
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Life expectancy (years)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)

Somerset County, NJ

- NJ
- United States
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