County Facts: Union County, AR
Population 39,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.3% (Union County), 3.7% (AR), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 23.2% (Union County), 8.5% (AR), 16% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Union County), $44 (AR), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -14% (Union County), 12% (AR), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Union County), 14% (AR), 20% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.4% (Union County), 10% (AR), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.6% (Union County), 2.5% (AR), 2% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 40% (Union County), 37% (AR), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 17% (Union County), 15% (AR), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 7% (Union County), 7% (AR), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 27% (Union County), 20% (AR), 29% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Union County), 1.7% (AR), 2.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Union County), $5.0 (AR), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 22.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

- Arkansas 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 43.7%
- Arkansas 2-year-college average: 21.8%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 36%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 15.6%
- Percent college grad: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 100
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2

- Union County: 16%, 7%, 14.4%, 13%, 85, 81.5
- AR: 14%, 3%, 13.0%, 15%, 76, 80.8
- United States: 14%, 7%, 13%, 15%, 81.5, 80.8

- Percent Black: 16%
- Percent Hispanic: 7%
- Percent over age 65: 14.4%
- Percent college grad: 13%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 85
- Life expectancy (years): 81.5

- Percent Black: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 3%
- Percent over age 65: 13%
- Percent college grad: 15%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76
- Life expectancy (years): 80.8
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