County Facts: Union County, TN
Population 19,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Union County 3.7%, TN 4.4%, United States 5.2%
- Poverty rate: Union County 18.7%, TN 18.0%, United States 16.0%
- Median family income (000s): Union County $46, TN $48, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Union County 4.4%, TN 4.4%, United States 3.7%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Union County 11%, TN 13%, United States 16%
- Farming share of workforce: Union County 1.7%, TN 13%, United States 10%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Union County 10%, TN 13%, United States 11%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Union County 23%, TN 40%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Union County 9%, TN 15%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Union County 6%, TN 6%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Union County 25%, TN 20%, United States 1.9%
- Percent landing in jail: Union County 1.5%, TN 1.0%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Union County $3.7, TN $4.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 47.5%

- Tennessee 4-year-college average: 8.4%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 10.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 30.4%

- Tennessee 2-year-college average: 15.3%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Union County - 17%, TN - 14%, United States - 4%
- Percent Hispanic: Union County - 17%, TN - 5%, United States - 2%
- Percent over age 65: Union County - 13.8%, TN - 13.4%, United States - 13.0%
- Percent college grad: Union County - 21%, TN - 18%, United States - 15%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Union County - 47, TN - 67, United States - 76
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Union County - 19, TN - 15, United States - 38
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