County Facts: Walton County, GA
Population 92,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.3% (Walton County), 4.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 14.9% (Walton County), 15.1% (GA), 16% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $55 (Walton County), $53 (GA), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 4.7% (Walton County), 51% (GA), 53% (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 17.8% (Walton County), 16% (GA), 14.9% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% (Walton County), 11% (GA), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.9% (Walton County), 1.3% (GA), 1.7% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.3% (Walton County), 5.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 40% (Walton County), 43% (GA), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 16% (Walton County), 16% (GA), 16% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Walton County), 6% (GA), 8% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Walton County), 23% (GA), 25% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 2.4% (Walton County), 2.2% (GA), 2.4% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.4 (Walton County), $5.9 (GA), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Georgia State Univ. (public)†: 9.3%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Georgia State Univ. (public)†: 48.6%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 48.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Chattahoochee Tech College (public)†: 12.0%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 22.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Chattahoochee Tech College (public)†: 12.0%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 26.7%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 23.5%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Walton County: 19%, GA: 32%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Walton County: 4%, GA: 9%, United States: 12%
- Percent over age 65: Walton County: 13%, GA: 17%, United States: 21%
- Percent college grad: Walton County: 19%, GA: 12%, United States: 15%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Walton County: 84, GA: 76, United States: 82
- Life expectancy (years): Walton County: 82.3, GA: 82.4, United States: 10
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Walton County: 10, GA: 10, United States: 15
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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 25\textsuperscript{th}-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