County Facts: Washington County, TN
Population 128,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.8% (Washington County), 3.7% (TN), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 17.2% (Washington County), 17.3% (TN), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $45 (Washington County), $48 (TN), $64 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 19% (Washington County), 18% (TN), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% (Washington County), 10% (TN), 1.0% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Washington County), 5.4% (TN), 5.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 45% (Washington County), 46% (TN), 40% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 45% (Washington County), 46% (TN), 40% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 14% (Washington County), 15% (TN), 15% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Washington County), 6% (TN), 6% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 18% (Washington County), 1.0% (TN), 1.9% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 20% (Washington County), 1.5% (TN), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.6 (Washington County), $4.9 (TN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: E. TN State Univ. (public) - 10.3%, Tennessee 4-year-college average - 8.4%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: E. TN State Univ. (public) - 51.3%, Tennessee 4-year-college average - 44.8%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 32.6%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Northeast State CC (public) - 14.3%, Tennessee 2-year-college average - 15.3%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: Northeast State CC (public) - 22.8%, Tennessee 2-year-college average - 27.2%, 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: Washington County - 17%, TN - 14%, United States - 5%
- Percent Hispanic: Washington County - 17%, TN - 15%, United States - 3%
- Percent over age 65: Washington County - 23%, TN - 3.4%, United States - 3.0%
- Percent college grad: Washington County - 75%, TN - 21%, United States - 18%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Washington County - 75, TN - 67, United States - 67
- Life expectancy (years): Washington County - 82.8, TN - 81.9, United States - 81.9
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Washington County - 19, TN - 19, 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 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