### County Facts: Weakley County, TN

Population 33,000

#### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 4.9% (Weakley County), 3.7% (TN), 4.4% (US)
- **Poverty rate**: 19.8% (Weakley County), 17.3% (TN), 15.1% (US)
- **Median family income (000s)**:
  - Weakley County: $57
  - TN: $48
  - US: $35
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: -5% (Weakley County), 18% (TN), 16% (US)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 17% (Weakley County), 13% (TN), 10% (US)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 2.5% (Weakley County), 1.7% (TN), 1.0% (US)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 4.7% (Weakley County), 5.7% (TN), 4.7% (US)

#### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 41% (Weakley County), 40% (TN), 46% (US)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 14% (Weakley County), 15% (TN), 20% (US)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 6% (Weakley County), 6% (TN), 10% (US)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 23% (Weakley County), 25% (TN), 20% (US)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.3% (Weakley County), 1.9% (TN), 1.5% (US)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $3.9 (Weakley County), $4.9 (TN), $6.4 (US)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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

Local Demographics

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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
• BLs: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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