County Facts: Webster County, GA
Population 3,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 7.6% (Webster County), 4.7% (GA), 5.6% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 23.8% (Webster County), 17.8% (GA), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Webster County), $53 (GA), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 9% (Webster County), 11% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (Webster County), 11% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 4.4% (Webster County), 1.3% (GA), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.6% (Webster County), 5.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 18% (Webster County), 43% (GA), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 10% (Webster County), 16% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 5% (Webster County), 6% (GA), 5% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Webster County), 20% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.1% (Webster County), 1.5% (GA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.9 (Webster County), $5.9 (GA), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Georgia Southwestern State Univ. (public): 12.4%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Georgia Southwestern State Univ. (public): 47.5%
  - Georgia 4-year-college average: 48.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - S. Georgia Tech College (public): 41.3%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 22.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - S. Georgia Tech College (public): 16.8%
  - Georgia 2-year-college average: 16.8%
  - 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:**
  - Webster County: 43%
  - GA: 32%
  - United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Webster County: 9%
  - GA: 4%
  - United States: 0%
- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Webster County: 10.7%
  - GA: 13.0%
  - United States: 12%
- **Percent college grad:**
  - Webster County: 19%
  - GA: 21%
  - United States: 71%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Webster County: 76
  - GA: 76
  - United States: 76

*The text provides data on local colleges and upward mobility, including statistics on the low-income share of students and their success rates at 4-year and 2-year colleges. The data is compared to the Georgia 4-year-college average and the U.S. 4-year-college average for 4-year colleges, and the Georgia 2-year-college average and the U.S. 2-year-college average for 2-year colleges. Local demographics are also shown, including percentages for races, age over 65, college graduates, and crime rate.
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