### County Facts: Whitfield County, GA

Population 105,000

#### The Local Economy

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<td>5.5%</td>
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<td>Poverty rate</td>
<td>19.3%</td>
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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$57</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Farming share of workforce</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)</td>
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#### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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<td>Percent reaching upper-middle class</td>
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<td>20%</td>
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<td>Percent giving birth as a teen</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Percent landing in jail</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
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<td>Local school expenditure per student (000s)</td>
<td>$6.4</td>
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[Whitfield County, GA]
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 11.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 22.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 49.1%

**Dalton State College (public)**

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 36.2%

**Georgia Highlands College (public)**

- **Low-income share of students**: 8.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 22.9%

**Georgia 4-year-college average**

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 48.2%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

**Georgia 2-year-college average**

- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 23.5%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**

- **Low-income share of students**: 32.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Whitfield County - 32%, GA - 14%, United States - 4%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Whitfield County - 34%, GA - 9%, United States - 9%
- **Percent over age 65**: Whitfield County - 13.0%, GA - 11.2%, United States - 10%
- **Percent college grad**: Whitfield County - 21%, GA - 19%, United States - 10%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Whitfield County - 84, GA - 76, United States - 81.3
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Whitfield County - 83.2, GA - 84, United States - 82.4
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Whitfield County - 11, 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 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