CHILD POVERTY & Economic Conditions in Kennebec County
INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

New England: 11.5%
Maine: 13.9%
Kennebec County: 13.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN IN POVERTY

New England 15.3%
Maine 18.6%
Kennebec County 19.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN UNDER 5 IN POVERTY

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Growth of children in deep poverty

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, children in households with incomes below 50% of poverty, 3-year average 2009-2011 and 2013-2015
42% likelihood of a child born into a poor household being poor as an adult

9% likelihood of a child born into a wealthy household being poor as an adult

For the average Maine town, every 1% increase in poverty in 2000 corresponded to 0.4% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
1 in 4 children in Kennebec County are food insecure.
Children with food insecurity

- U.S.: 20.0%
- Maine: 23.3%
- Kennebec County: 23.8%

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Maine's state rank for children who are food insecure was falling. Now it is rising.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Kennebec County $46,917

New England $64,697

Maine $49,331

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Education drives earnings.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
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Individuals with a bachelor's degree

New England: 38.4%
Maine: 29.3%
Kennebec County: 25.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, residents age 25-64 with at least a bachelor's degree
Blue-collar wages have stagnated.

Average hourly earnings
U.S. production and non-supervisory employees
adjusted for inflation to 2015 dollars

$23.56

$21.96

Goods-production is declining; services are growing.

In Kennebec County, most service jobs pay less than production jobs.

**Production job**
$44,701

**Service job**
$27,139

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings for full-time, year-round workers
Kennebec County is gaining jobs slowly.

U.S. +9.1%
Maine +3.1%
Kennebec County +2.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, change in total employment 2010 to 2015
For the average Maine town, every 1-year increase in median age in 2000 corresponded to 1% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
New England: 9%

16%

Kennebec County 18-64 year olds have a disability

Maine: 14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Kennebec County 16-64 year olds have not worked in the past 12 months

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Kennebec County is losing residents while other regions are growing.

New England: +2.0%
Maine: +0.1%
Kennebec County: -0.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, population change 2006-2010 to 2011-2015
Top 5 contributors to poor health in Kennebec County:

- poverty
- access to behavioral/mental health care
- insurance
- transportation
- health literacy

Source: Maine Department of Health and Human Resources, Maine Shared Needs Assessment & Planning Process