CHILD POVERTY & Economic Conditions in Knox County
INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

- New England: 11.5%
- Maine: 13.9%
- Knox County: 11.2%

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

New England: 15.3%
Maine: 18.6%
Knox County: 14.7%

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

New England: 17.8%
Maine: 23.4%
Knox County: 19.4%

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

U.S. 2.1%  
New England 7.9%  
Maine 16.5%  

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, children in households with incomes below 60% 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 Knox County are food insecure.

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Children with food insecurity

- U.S.: 20.0%
- Maine: 23.3%
- Knox County: 25.0%

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

Knox County $50,693
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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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
Individuals with a bachelor's degree

New England: 38.4%
Maine: 29.3%
Knox County: 28.2%

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

Goods-production is declining; services are growing.

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

Production job: $36,200
Service job: $30,862

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

U.S. +9.1%
Maine +3.1%
Knox County +5.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, change in total employment 2010 to 2015
MEDIAN AGE

New England: 40.4 yrs
Maine: 43.8 yrs
Knox County: 47.2 yrs

U.S.: 37.6 yrs

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
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
Individuals with a disability

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Knox County 18-64 year olds have a disability

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
19% Knox County 16-64 year olds have not worked in the past 12 months
21% Maine

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

New England: +2.0%
Maine: +0.1%
Knox County: -1.0%

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

- access to behavioral/mental health care
- health literacy
- insurance
- poverty
- food security

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