County Facts: Adams County, ND
Population 2,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.4% (Adams County), 2.6% (ND), 2.0% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 10.1% (Adams County), 11.7% (ND), 12.7% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $67 (Adams County), $60 (ND), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% (Adams County), 11.7% (ND), 8.6% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 18% (Adams County), 16% (ND), 14.4% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 10% (Adams County), 6.8% (ND), 7.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.1% (Adams County), 0.7% (ND), 1.3% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 85% (Adams County), 58% (ND), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 45% (Adams County), 32% (ND), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 37% (Adams County), 22% (ND), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Adams County), 11% (ND), 7% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Adams County), 0.6% (ND), 0.3% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Adams County), $5.9 (ND), $5.2 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 6.5% (ND), 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (ND), 57.6% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.8% (ND), 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9% (ND), 46.6% (U.S.)

North Dakota 4-year-college average: 6.5%, 51.3%
North Dakota 2-year-college average: 12.8%, 32.9%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%, 57.6%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%, 46.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Adams County 3%, ND 3%, United States 4%
- Percent Hispanic: Adams County 4%, ND 3%, United States 3%
- Percent over age 65: Adams County 14.5%, ND 13.0%, United States 16%
- Percent college grad: Adams County 21%, ND 20%, United States 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Adams County 12, ND 49, United States 76
Adams County, ND

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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