Adams County, WI

County Facts: Adams County, WI
Population 20,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.1% Adams County, 3.3% WI, 4.7% United States
- Poverty rate: 15.1% Adams County, 12.3% WI, 12.7% United States
- Median family income (000s): $57 Adams County, $56 WI, $57 United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: 0% Adams County, 8% WI, 16% United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 16% Adams County, 10% WI, 18% United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 18% Adams County, 10% WI, 2.8% United States
- Farming share of workforce: 18% Adams County, 17% WI, 3.7% United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 50% Adams County, 46% WI, 46% United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 24% Adams County, 14% WI, 20% United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 11% Adams County, 10% WI, 10% United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 22% Adams County, 20% WI, 20% United States
- Percent landing in jail: 2.3% Adams County, 1.1% WI, 1.5% United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.4 Adams County, $6.7 WI, $6.4 United States

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 4.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 48.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

Wisconsin 4-year-college average: 4.7% 9.3%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 48.6% 51.3%

Northcentral Tech College (public)†: 7.7% 10.0%
Wisconsin 2-year-college average: 15.6%
U.S. 2-year-college average: 31.4% 29.5%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Adams County: 2%, WI: 6%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Adams County: 3%, WI: 6%, United States: 17%
- Percent over age 65: Adams County: 13.7%, WI: 13.0%, United States: 23.5%
- Percent college grad: Adams County: 17%, WI: 20%, United States: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Adams County: 76, WI: 0, United States: 0
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Adams County: 10, WI: 16, United States: 15
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