County Facts: Alcona County, MI
Population 10,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 7.3% (Alcona County), 4.6% (MI), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 16.3% (Alcona County), 16.0% (MI), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Alcona County), $53 (MI), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -12% (Alcona County), 0% (MI), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Alcona County), 11% (MI), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 17% (Alcona County), 14% (MI), 1.4% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.7% (Alcona County), 1.4% (MI), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 32% (Alcona County), 46% (MI), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 17% (Alcona County), 20% (MI), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Alcona County), 9% (MI), 9% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 14% (Alcona County), 17% (MI), 17% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.8% (Alcona County), 1.2% (MI), 1.2% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.2 (Alcona County), $6.4 (MI), $6.4 (United States)

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 6.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 50.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

** Michigan 4-year-college average  
9.3%  
51.3% 
15.6%  
32.9%**

** U.S. 4-year-college average  
5.3%  
51.3% 
15.6%  
32.9%**

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Alcona County 1%, MI 14%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Alcona County 1%, MI 5%, United States 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Alcona County 13.8%, MI 13.0%, United States 13%
- **Percent college grad**: Alcona County 19%, MI 21%, United States 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Alcona County 76, MI 55, United States 76

** Alcona County  
MI  
United States**
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 low-income kids 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