County Facts: Allegan County, MI
Population 116,000

The Local Economy

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Grand Valley State Univ. (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 3.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 50.1%
- **Michigan 4-year-college average**: 50.1%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Grand Rapids CC (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 7.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 30.6%
- **Michigan 2-year-college average**: 32.9%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 27.7%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Allegan County, 2%; MI, 14%; United States, 13.8%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Allegan County, 17%; MI, 17%; United States, 13%
- **Percent over age 65**: Allegan County, 3.0%; MI, 3.0%; United States, 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Allegan County, 19%; MI, 19%; United States, 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Allegan County, 27; MI, 55; United States, 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Allegan County, 83.0; MI, 83.2; United States, 82.6
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Allegan County, 16; MI, 15; United States, 20

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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