**County Facts: Aurora County, SD**
Population 3,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**
  - Aurora County: 2.8%
  - SD: 3.3%
  - United States: 4.7%

- **Poverty rate**
  - Aurora County: 11.7%
  - SD: 13.4%
  - United States: 15.1%

- **Median family income (000s)**
  - Aurora County: $56
  - SD: $55
  - United States: $57

- **Population growth 2000-2017**
  - Aurora County: -10%
  - SD: 15%
  - United States: 16%

- **Manufacturing share of workforce**
  - Aurora County: 15%
  - SD: 10%
  - United States: 10%

- **Farming share of workforce**
  - Aurora County: 11.1%
  - SD: 7.3%
  - United States: 1.7%

- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**
  - Aurora County: 2.1%
  - SD: 2.0%

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**
  - Aurora County: 73%
  - SD: 52%
  - United States: 46%

- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**
  - Aurora County: 27%
  - SD: 24%
  - United States: 20%

- **Percent achieving American Dream**
  - Aurora County: 17%
  - SD: 14%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**
  - Aurora County: 14%
  - SD: 14%
  - United States: 7%

- **Percent landing in jail**
  - Aurora County: 1.5%
  - SD: 1.0%
  - United States: -0.1%

- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**
  - Aurora County: $4.9
  - SD: $5.1
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 7.2% (South Dakota) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 50.1% (South Dakota) vs. 51.3% (U.S.)

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### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.9% (South Dakota) vs. 11.0% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 44.5% (South Dakota) vs. 42.2% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 1% (Aurora County) vs. 2% (SD) vs. 2% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 3% (Aurora County) vs. 3% (SD) vs. 3% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 14.3% (Aurora County) vs. 13.0% (SD) vs. 19% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 20% (Aurora County) vs. 19% (SD) vs. 19% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 3 (Aurora County) vs. 61 (SD) vs. 76 (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 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