County Facts: Bates County, MO
Population 16,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Bates County 4.4%, MO 3.8%, United States 11.1%
- Poverty rate: Bates County 15.3%, MO 15.1%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Bates County $64, MO $57, United States $52
- Population growth 2000-2017: Bates County 16%, MO 9%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Bates County 12%, MO 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Bates County 2.0%, MO 1.9%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Bates County 4.7%, MO 4.0%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Bates County 36%, MO 45%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Bates County 17%, MO 19%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Bates County 8%, MO 8%, United States 8%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Bates County 20%, MO 20%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Bates County 0.9%, MO 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Bates County $4.4, MO $5.9, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 14.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Bates County 4%, MO 12%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Bates County 4%, MO 4%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Bates County 17%, MO 17.7%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Bates County 14.0%, MO 13.0%, United States 16%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Bates County 92, MO 88, United States 76
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Bates County 6, MO 16, United States 15

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