**County Facts: Benton County, IN**

Population 9,000

### The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$51</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>-9%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
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### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges

- **Purdue Univ. (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 3.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 14.0%
  - Indiana 4-year-college average: 14.2%

- **Danville Area CC (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 24.5%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 23.5%
  - Indiana 2-year-college average: 24.5%

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

### Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Benton County - 1%, IN - 10%, United States - 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Benton County - 8%, IN - 6%, United States - 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Benton County - 13.0%, IN - 13.0%, United States - 15.7%
- **Percent college grad**: Benton County - 12%, IN - 17%, United States - 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents)**: Benton County - 65, IN - 76, United States - 76
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Benton County - 15, IN - 18, United States - 15

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- 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