**County Facts: Berkeley County, WV**
Population 115,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: Berkeley County 3.7%, WV 4.4%, United States 4.7%
- **Poverty rate**: Berkeley County 13.8%, WV 17.8%, United States 15.1%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Berkeley County $56, WV $43, United States $57
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Berkeley County 16%, WV 10%, United States 51%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Berkeley County 10%, WV 8%, United States 16%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Berkeley County 1.2%, WV 1.0%, United States 1.7%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Berkeley County 4.8%, WV 4.7%, United States 4.7%

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: Berkeley County 41%, WV 45%, United States 46%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Berkeley County 17%, WV 19%, United States 20%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Berkeley County 7%, WV 9%, United States 10%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Berkeley County 17%, WV 17%, United States 20%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Berkeley County 1.0%, WV 1.4%, United States 1.5%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Berkeley County $6.1, WV $6.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Shepherd Univ. (public)†
  - Low-income share of students: 7.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 38.5%

- West Virginia 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 9.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 38.4%

- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 51.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 38.5%

2-Year Colleges

- Hagerstown CC (public)†
  - Low-income share of students: 8.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

- West Virginia 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 19.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

- U.S. 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 37.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Berkeley County 4%, WV 11%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Berkeley County 3%, WV 11%, United States 15%
- Percent over age 65: Berkeley County 17%, WV 16%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Berkeley County 15%, WV 14%, United States 14%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): Berkeley County 76, WV 82, United States 83
- Life expectancy (years): Berkeley County 81, WV 82, United States 81.9
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Berkeley County 46, WV 15, United States 15
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