**County Facts: Blaine County, MT**  
Population 7,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**:
  - Blaine County: 4.1%
  - Montana: 4.0%
  - United States: 4.4%

- **Poverty rate**:
  - Blaine County: 15.3%
  - Montana: 15.2%
  - United States: 15.1%

- **Median family income (000s)**:
  - Blaine County: $57
  - Montana: $50
  - United States: $43

- **Population growth 2000-2017**:
  - Blaine County: 4%
  - Montana: 3%
  - United States: -4%

- **Manufacturing share of workforce**:
  - Blaine County: 10%
  - Montana: 9.7%
  - United States: 5.7%

- **Farming share of workforce**:
  - Blaine County: 16%
  - Montana: 16%
  - United States: 16%

- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**:
  - Blaine County: 3.4%
  - Montana: 1.7%
  - United States: 1.4%

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**:
  - Blaine County: 55%
  - Montana: 48%
  - United States: 46%

- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**:
  - Blaine County: 21%
  - Montana: 14%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent achieving American Dream**:
  - Blaine County: 13%
  - Montana: 10%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**:
  - Blaine County: 17%
  - Montana: 14%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent landing in jail**:
  - Blaine County: 20%
  - Montana: 20%
  - United States: 1.5%

- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**:
  - Blaine County: $6.8
  - Montana: $5.5
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students
- Montana State Univ. - Northern (public)*: 15.1%
- Montana 4-year-college average: 8.7%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

Low-income student success rate
- Montana State Univ. - Northern (public)*: 44.1%
- Montana 4-year-college average: 41.2%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students
- Montana State Univ. - Northern (public)*: 16.9%
- Montana 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 26.2%

Low-income student success rate
- Montana State Univ. - Northern (public)*: 21%
- Montana 2-year-college average: 21%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 21%

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black
- Blaine County: 1%
- MT: 1%
- United States: 1%

Percent Hispanic
- Blaine County: 3%
- MT: 3%
- United States: 3%

Percent over age 65
- Blaine County: 17%
- MT: 14.8%
- United States: 13.5%

Percent college grad
- Blaine County: 13.0%
- MT: 17%
- United States: 17%

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Blaine County: 29
- MT: 71
- United States: 76
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