County Facts: Buena Vista County, IA
Population 20,000

The Local Economy

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Buena Vista Univ. 5.8%, Iowa 4-year-college average 4.6%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Buena Vista Univ. 51.4%, Iowa 4-year-college average 51.3%, U.S. 4-year-college average 58.1%

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Buena Vista Univ. 9.7%, Iowa 2-year-college average 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average 32.8%
- Low-income student success rate: Buena Vista Univ. 32.8%, Iowa 2-year-college average 32.9%, U.S. 2-year-college average 66%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Buena Vista County 2%, IA 4%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Buena Vista County 10%, IA 6%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Buena Vista County 15.1%, IA 14.9%, United States 14%
- Percent college grad: Buena Vista County 21%, IA 19%, United States 13%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Buena Vista County 59, IA 66, 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