County Facts: Buffalo County, NE
Population 50,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate:
  - Buffalo County: 2.4%
  - NE: 2.9%
  - United States: 4.4%

- Poverty rate:
  - Buffalo County: 12.0%
  - NE: 12.3%
  - United States: 15.1%

- Median family income (000s):
  - Buffalo County: $49
  - NE: $56
  - United States: $57

- Population growth 2000-2017:
  - Buffalo County: 18%
  - NE: 12%
  - United States: 16%

- Manufacturing share of workforce:
  - Buffalo County: 12%
  - NE: 11%
  - United States: 10%

- Farming share of workforce:
  - Buffalo County: 7.8%
  - NE: 5.1%
  - United States: 1.7%

- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp):
  - Buffalo County: 1.3%
  - NE: 1.6%
  - United States: 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college:
  - Buffalo County: 54%
  - NE: 54%
  - United States: 46%

- Percent reaching upper-middle class:
  - Buffalo County: 25%
  - NE: 25%
  - United States: 20%

- Percent achieving American Dream:
  - Buffalo County: 16%
  - NE: 13%
  - United States: 10%

- Percent giving birth as a teen:
  - Buffalo County: 14%
  - NE: 13%
  - United States: 10%

- Percent landing in jail:
  - Buffalo County: 0.7%
  - NE: 0.9%
  - United States: 0.7%

- Local school expenditure per student (000s):
  - Buffalo County: $7.2
  - NE: $6.6
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 4.4% (U of Nebraska - Kearney (public)*), 5.2% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 11.0% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3% (U of Nebraska - Kearney (public)*), 57.3% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 11.0% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 32.8% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

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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