County Facts: Butler County, MO
Population 43,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.6% (Butler County), 3.8% (MO), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 22.5% (Butler County), 15.3% (MO), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $57 (Butler County), $52 (MO), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 4% (Butler County), 9% (MO), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Butler County), 11% (MO), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 3.0% (Butler County), 1.9% (MO), 2.0% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Butler County), 4.0% (MO), 2.0% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 38% (Butler County), 45% (MO), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 12% (Butler County), 19% (MO), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Butler County), 6% (MO), 8% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Butler County), 20% (MO), 10% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.6% (Butler County), 1.5% (MO), 20% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Butler County), $5.9 (MO), $4.7 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 7.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 48.7%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 22.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 13.0%

Missouri 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

U.S. 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 22.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

Missouri 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 13.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 21.3%

U.S. 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 27.6%
- 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: Butler County 3%, MO 12%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Butler County 2%, MO 4%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Butler County 17%, MO 17.0%, United States 13.0%
- Percent college grad: Butler County 9%, MO 19%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Butler County 112, MO 88, United States 76
- Life expectancy (years): Butler County 81.8, MO 82.3, United States 83.2
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