**County Facts: Caldwell County, KY**

*Population 13,000*

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 4.9% (Caldwell County), 4.4% (KY), 5.2% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 18.4% (Caldwell County), 18.5% (KY), 18.4% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $44 (Caldwell County), $46 (KY), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 10% (Caldwell County), 16% (KY), 1.9% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 14% (Caldwell County), 15% (KY), 4.8% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 1.7% (Caldwell County), 1.7% (KY), 1.7% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 10% (Caldwell County), 16% (KY), 15% (United States)

### How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 43% (Caldwell County), 46% (KY), 43% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 17% (Caldwell County), 17% (KY), 17% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 7% (Caldwell County), 7% (KY), 7% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 25% (Caldwell County), 21% (KY), 20% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 21% (Caldwell County), 20% (KY), 0.8% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $5.5 (Caldwell County), $6.1 (KY), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Caldwell County, KY: 9.8%, U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Caldwell County, KY: 38.4%, U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Caldwell County, KY: 11.3%, U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Caldwell County, KY: 28.2%, U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Caldwell County, KY: 6%, KY: 9%, United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Caldwell County, KY: 1%, KY: 3%, United States: 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Caldwell County, KY: 17.8%, KY: 13.3%, United States: 13%
- **Percent college grad**: Caldwell County, KY: 21%, KY: 16%, United States: 9%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Caldwell County, KY: 71, KY: 72, United States: 76
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