County Facts: Caledonia County, VT
Population 30,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
- Caledonia County: 3.7%
- VT: 3.0%
- United States: 4.4%

Poverty rate
- Caledonia County: 11.9%
- VT: 10.9%
- United States: 15.1%

Median family income (000s)
- Caledonia County: $52
- VT: $58
- United States: $57

Population growth 2000-2017
- Caledonia County: 2%
- VT: 2%
- United States: 16%

Manufacturing share of workforce
- Caledonia County: 10%
- VT: 10%
- United States: 10%

Farming share of workforce
- Caledonia County: 3.2%
- VT: 2.5%
- United States: 1.7%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
- Caledonia County: 2.6%
- VT: 3.3%
- United States: 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
- Caledonia County: 47%
- VT: 46%
- United States: 17%

Percent reaching upper-middle class
- Caledonia County: 22%
- VT: 20%
- United States: 20%

Percent achieving American Dream
- Caledonia County: 11%
- VT: 9%
- United States: 10%

Percent giving birth as a teen
- Caledonia County: 11%
- VT: 9%
- United States: 11%

Percent landing in jail
- Caledonia County: 1.0%
- VT: 0.8%
- United States: 1.5%

Local school expenditure per student (000s)
- Caledonia County: $8.7
- VT: $9.3
- United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 54.7%
- Vermont 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 54.7%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 29.9%
- Vermont 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- 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: 1% (Caledonia County), 2% (VT), 1% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 2% (Caledonia County), 2% (VT), 2% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 14% (Caledonia County), 17% (VT), 15.3% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 15% (Caledonia County), 26% (VT), 24% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 21% (Caledonia County), 38 (VT), 39 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 83.8 (Caledonia County), 84.1 (VT), 83.2 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 18 (Caledonia County), 15 (VT), 18 (United States)

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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