County Facts: Centre County, PA
Population 163,000

The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: Centre County 3.7%, PA 4.9%, United States 4.7%
- **Poverty rate**: Centre County 4.4%, PA 4.9%, United States 5.0%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Centre County $58, PA $56, United States $57
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Centre County 15.1%, PA 15.0%, United States 14.4%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Centre County 20%, PA 16%, United States 13%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Centre County 12%, PA 10%, United States 7%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Centre County 1.7%, PA 1.2%, United States 1.2%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: Centre County 53%, PA 53%, United States 46%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Centre County 26%, PA 25%, United States 20%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Centre County 13%, PA 12%, United States 10%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Centre County 8%, PA 13%, United States 13%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Centre County $7.3, PA $7.7, United States $6.4

- **Percent landing in jail**: Centre County 1.3%, PA 0.7%, United States 8%

- **United States**
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.8% for Penn State (public), 6.0% for Pennsylvania 4-year-college average, 9.3% for U.S. 4-year-college average.
- Low-income student success rate: 53.8% for Penn State (public), 51.3% for Pennsylvania 4-year-college average, 56.7% for U.S. 4-year-college average.

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.5% for S. Hills School Of Business & Tech (for-profit), 13.2% for Pennsylvania 2-year-college average, 15.6% for U.S. 2-year-college average.
- Low-income student success rate: 31.9% for S. Hills School Of Business & Tech (for-profit), 31.3% for Pennsylvania 2-year-college average, 32.9% for U.S. 2-year-college average.

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 5% in Centre County, PA, 12% in Pennsylvania, 14% in United States.
- Percent Hispanic: 3% in Centre County, PA, 6% in Pennsylvania, 17% in United States.
- Percent over age 65: 11.3% in Centre County, PA, 13.0% in Pennsylvania, 15.4% in United States.
- Percent college grad: 21% in Centre County, PA, 21% in Pennsylvania, 27% in United States.
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 60 in Centre County, PA, 75 in Pennsylvania, 76 in United States.
- Life expectancy (years): 84.5 in Centre County, PA, 83.2 in Pennsylvania, 83.0 in United States.
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 7 in Centre County, PA, 15 in Pennsylvania, 20 in 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