County Facts: Chelan County, WA
Population 77,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Chelan County 4.9%, WA 4.8%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Chelan County 15.1%, WA 12.9%, United States 12.5%
Median family income (000s): Chelan County $51, WA $57, United States $66
Population growth 2000-2017: Chelan County 16%, WA 15%, United States 10%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Chelan County 15%, WA 10%, United States 10%
Farming share of workforce: Chelan County 26%, WA 14%, United States 9%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Chelan County 15.1%, WA 14.5%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Chelan County 51%, WA 47%, United States 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Chelan County 23%, WA 22%, United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Chelan County 12%, WA 10%, United States 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Chelan County 15%, WA 14%, United States 13%
Percent landing in jail: Chelan County 20%, WA 1.0%, United States 0.7%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Chelan County $6.6, WA $6.4, United States $6.7

Chelan County  
WA  
United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Washington 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 6.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.0%

- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Washington 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 13.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 10.6%

- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 32.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Chelan County, WA**
  - Percent Black: 1%
  - Percent Hispanic: 5%
  - Percent over age 65: 14%
  - Percent college grad: 28%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 99
  - Life expectancy (years): 84.5

- **State of WA**
  - Percent Black: 12%
  - Percent Hispanic: 12%
  - Percent over age 65: 23%
  - Percent college grad: 15%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76
  - Life expectancy (years): 83.2

- **United States**
  - Percent Black: 17%
  - Percent Hispanic: 13.0%
  - Percent over age 65: 21%
  - Percent college grad: 13.0%
  - Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 4.5
  - Life expectancy (years): 84.0
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