**County Facts: Cherry County, NE**

Population 6,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 2.3% (Cherry County), 2.9% (NE), 2.3% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 11.2% (Cherry County), 12.3% (NE), 11.7% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $47 (Cherry County), $56 (NE), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: -5% (Cherry County), 12% (NE), 16% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 6% (Cherry County), 11% (NE), 10% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 11.8% (Cherry County), 5.1% (NE), 1.7% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 1.6% (Cherry County), 0.7% (NE), 0.9% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 49% (Cherry County), 46% (NE), 42% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 25% (Cherry County), 17% (NE), 19% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 13% (Cherry County), 9% (NE), 9% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 10% (Cherry County), 13% (NE), 14% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.1% (Cherry County), 0.9% (NE), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $5.8 (Cherry County), $6.6 (NE), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.2% (Nebraska), 11.0% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 57.5% (Nebraska), 51.3% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.0% (Nebraska), 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 32.8% (Nebraska), 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Cherry County), 5% (NE), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 12% (Cherry County), 10% (NE), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 20.8% (Cherry County), 13.5% (NE), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 20% (Cherry County), 16% (NE), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 62 (Cherry County), 76 (NE), 76 (United States)
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