**County Facts: Cheshire County, NH**
Population 76,000

**The Local Economy**

- **Unemployment rate**: Cheshire County 2.6%, NH 2.7%, United States 3%
- **Poverty rate**: Cheshire County 9.6%, NH 9%, United States 10%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Cheshire County $60, NH $57, United States $57
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Cheshire County 15.1%, NH 3%, United States 3%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Cheshire County 16%, NH 9%, United States 9%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Cheshire County 14%, NH 10%, United States 10%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: Cheshire County 4.4%, NH 3%, United States 4.7%

**How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out**

- **Percent graduating any college**: Cheshire County 52%, NH 56%, United States 52%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Cheshire County 21%, NH 26%, United States 21%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Cheshire County 9%, NH 13%, United States 13%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Cheshire County 11%, NH 10%, United States 10%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Cheshire County 0.8%, NH 0.7%, United States 0.8%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Cheshire County $6.4, NH $6.7, United States $6.7
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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

Local Demographics

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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