County Facts: Chester County, PA
Population 519,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Chester County 3.6%, PA 4.9%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Chester County 7.1%, PA 13.3%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Chester County $92, PA $56, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Chester County 20%, PA 4%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Chester County 12%, PA 10%, United States 11%
- Farming share of workforce: Chester County 2.8%, PA 1.2%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Chester County 4.0%, PA 3.8%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Chester County 66%, PA 53%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Chester County 36%, PA 25%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Chester County 16%, PA 12%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Chester County 13%, PA 7%, United States 4%
- Percent landing in jail: Chester County 1.5%, PA 0.9%, United States 1.3%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Chester County $8.2, PA $7.7, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- W. Chester U of Pennsylvania (public)
  - Low-income share of students: 4.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

- Pennsylvania 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 6.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 56.7%

- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 57.8%

2-Year Colleges

- Automotive Training Center (for-profit)
  - Low-income share of students: 8.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 31.3%

- Pennsylvania 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 13.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

- U.S. 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.1%

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

Local Demographics

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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