**County Facts: Cheyenne County, KS**

**Population 3,000**

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 2.6% (Cheyenne County), 3.6% (KS), 2.6% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 10.5% (Cheyenne County), 13.1% (KS), 13.1% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $57 (Cheyenne County), $55 (KS), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: -15% (Cheyenne County), 8% (KS), 16% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 6% (Cheyenne County), 10% (KS), 12% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 10% (Cheyenne County), 5% (KS), 1.7% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 2.6% (Cheyenne County), 2.6% (KS), 4.7% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 69% (Cheyenne County), 50% (KS), 50% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 23% (Cheyenne County), 46% (KS), 46% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 20% (Cheyenne County), 22% (KS), 22% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 11% (Cheyenne County), 10% (KS), 10% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 6% (Cheyenne County), 6% (KS), 6% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $7.4 (Cheyenne County), $6.4 (KS), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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*: 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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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