County Facts: Chouteau County, MT
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Chouteau County 4.0%, MT 3.3%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Chouteau County 15.3%, MT 15.2%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Chouteau County $57, MT $50, United States $43
- Population growth 2000-2017: Chouteau County 16%, MT 16%, United States 3%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Chouteau County 10%, MT 5%, United States 3%
- Farming share of workforce: Chouteau County 9.7%, MT 1.7%, United States 1.9%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Chouteau County 4.7%, MT 3.4%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Chouteau County 65%, MT 48%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Chouteau County 24%, MT 21%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Chouteau County 20%, MT 14%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Chouteau County 14%, MT 5%, United States 5%
- Percent landing in jail: Chouteau County 20%, MT 14%, United States 9%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Chouteau County $7.1, MT $5.5, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 41.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 21.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 16.9%

Montana 4-year-college average: 9.3% 41.2%
U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3% 51.3%

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% 1%
- Percent Hispanic: 3% 3%
- Percent over age 65: 17% 17.3%
- Percent college grad: 14.8% 13.0%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 21% 21%

Chouteau County: 1% 14% 17% 14.8% 21%
MT: 3% 3% 17% 13.0% 21%
United States: 17% 17% 21% 14.8% 71%

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