County Facts: Colfax County, NE
Population 11,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 2.4% (Colfax County), 2.9% (NE), 2.3% (United States)

Poverty rate: 12.6% (Colfax County), 12% (NE), 16% (United States)

Median family income (000s): $52 (Colfax County), $56 (NE), $57 (United States)

Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% (Colfax County), 2.9% (NE), 15.1% (United States)

Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Colfax County), 12% (NE), 19% (United States)

Farming share of workforce: 8.1% (Colfax County), 11% (NE), 5.1% (United States)

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1% (Colfax County), 12% (NE), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 54% (Colfax County), 54% (NE), 46% (United States)

Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% (Colfax County), 23% (NE), 20% (United States)

Percent achieving American Dream: 14% (Colfax County), 13% (NE), 10% (United States)

Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% (Colfax County), 14% (NE), 6% (United States)

Percent landing in jail: 0.6% (Colfax County), 0.9% (NE), 0.6% (United States)

Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 (Colfax County), $6.1 (NE), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.2% (Colfax County), 9.3% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 15.6% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Colfax County), 57.5% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 32.8% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.0% (Colfax County), 15.6% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 13.5% (Colfax County), 20.0% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 21.0% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 2% (Colfax County), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 5% (Colfax County), 15% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 10% (Colfax County), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 13.0% (Colfax County), 14% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76 (Colfax County), 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