County Facts: Cook County, IL
Population 5,211,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Cook County 5.2%, IL 4.9%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Cook County 16.9%, IL 14.0%, United States 15.1%
Median family income (000s): Cook County $57, IL $57, United States $60
Population growth 2000-2017: Cook County 3%, IL 10%, United States 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Cook County 10%, IL 12%, United States 17%
Farming share of workforce: Cook County 0.3%, IL 1.2%, United States 4.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Cook County 5.3%, IL 5.2%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Cook County 52%, IL 53%, United States 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Cook County 25%, IL 22%, United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Cook County 11%, IL 10%, United States 9%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Cook County 22%, IL 20%, United States 18%
Percent landing in jail: Cook County 1.6%, IL 1.2%, United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Cook County $6.3, IL $5.7, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Devry Univ. (for-profit)*: 17.6%
  - Illinois 4-year-college average: 8.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Devry Univ. (for-profit)*: 54.2%
  - Illinois 4-year-college average: 48.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Devry Univ. (for-profit)*: 15.6%
  - Illinois 2-year-college average: 7.5%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 13.1%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Devry Univ. (for-profit)*: 36.8%
  - Illinois 2-year-college average: 30.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Cook County: 25%
  - IL: 15%
  - United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Cook County: 25%
  - IL: 16%
  - United States: 17%
- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Cook County: 13.0%
  - IL: 12.5%
  - United States: 11.9%
- **Percent college grad:**
  - Cook County: 23%
  - IL: 21%
  - United States: 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Cook County: 83
  - IL: 76
  - United States: 82.7
- **Life expectancy (years):**
  - Cook County: 82.9
  - IL: 83.2
  - United States: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents):**
  - Cook County: 15
  - IL: 17
  - United States: 20
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