County Facts: Costilla County, CO
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Costilla County - 3.5%, CO - 2.8%, United States - 4.7%
Poverty rate: Costilla County - 22.1%, CO - 15.1%, United States - 12.2%
Median family income (000s): Costilla County - $65, CO - $57, United States - $34
Population growth 2000-2017: Costilla County - 16%, CO - 3%, United States - 3%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Costilla County - 10%, CO - 4%, United States - 1.6%
Farming share of workforce: Costilla County - 10.4%, CO - 7%, United States - 2.3%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Costilla County - 4.4%, CO - 2.3%, United States - 3.6%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent reaching upper-middle class: Costilla County - 11%, CO - 22%, United States - 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Costilla County - 10%, CO - 11%, United States - 11%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Costilla County - 17%, CO - 10%, United States - 10%
Percent landing in jail: Costilla County - 5.4%, CO - 1.5%, United States - 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Costilla County - $6.5, CO - $6.4, United States - $6.1
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Adams State Univ. (public)†
- Colorado 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

2-Year Colleges

- Adams State Univ. (public)†
- Colorado 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

Low-income share of students: 12.9% (Adams State Univ.), 6.8% (Colorado average), 9.3% (U.S. average)
Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Adams State Univ.), 48.1% (Colorado average), 41.0% (U.S. average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Costilla County), 5% (CO), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 14% (Costilla County), 42% (CO), 42% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 22.9% (Costilla County), 17% (CO), 10.9% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 15% (Costilla County), 13% (CO), 27% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 68 (Costilla County), 76 (CO), 93 (United States)
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