County Facts: Custer County, MT
Population 12,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.2% MT 4.0% United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: 13.0% MT 4.0% United States 15.2%
Median family income (000s): $55 MT $50 United States $57
Population growth 2000-2017: 0% MT 16% United States 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% MT 5% United States 9.3%
Farming share of workforce: 15.1% MT 4% United States 5.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.5% MT 1.7% United States 3.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 45% MT 46% United States 48%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21% MT 20% United States 24%
Percent achieving American Dream: 14% MT 10% United States 17%
Percent giving birth as a teen: 14% MT 12% United States 20%
Percent landing in jail: 0.5% MT 0.9% United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.8 MT $5.5 United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Montana 4-year-college average - 8.7%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Montana 4-year-college average - 41.2%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Montana 2-year-college average - 15.7%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 16.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Montana 2-year-college average - 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 26.2%

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

### Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Custer County - 1%, MT - 1%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Custer County - 4%, MT - 3%
- **Percent over age 65**: Custer County - 14.8%, MT - 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Custer County - 21%, MT - 15%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Custer County - 71, MT - 76, United States - 76
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