County Facts: Dakota County, MN
Population 422,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Poverty rate | Median family income (000s) | Population growth 2000-2017 | Manufacturing share of workforce | Farming share of workforce | Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)

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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college | Percent reaching upper-middle class | Percent achieving American Dream | Percent giving birth as a teen | Percent landing in jail | Local school expenditure per student (000s)

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Inver Hills CC (public)*: Low-income share of students - 7.8%, Low-income student success rate - 45.9%
- Minnesota 4-year-college average: Low-income share of students - 6.5%, Low-income student success rate - 39.5%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: Low-income share of students - 4.3%, Low-income student success rate - 24.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Aveda Inst (for-profit)*†: Low-income share of students - 8.5%, Low-income student success rate - 8.6%
- Minnesota 2-year-college average: Low-income share of students - 15.6%, Low-income student success rate - 21.8%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: Low-income share of students - 24.2%, Low-income student success rate - 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Dakota County MN United States
- Percent Black: 7% 6% 7%
- Percent Hispanic: 14% 7% 5%
- Percent over age 65: 17% 10.0% 13.0%
- Percent college grad: 28% 22% 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 71 56 76
- Life expectancy (years): 84.7 83.2 84.4
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 7 8 7

- Dakota County: Dark blue
- MN: Light blue
- United States: White
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