County Facts: Dawes County, NE
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Dawes County 2.8%, NE 2.9%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Dawes County 11.2%, NE 12.3%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Dawes County $47, NE $56, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Dawes County 2.8%, NE 12%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Dawes County 16%, NE 11%, United States 11.8%
- Farming share of workforce: Dawes County 10%, NE 5.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Dawes County 12%, NE 1.7%, United States 1.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Dawes County 48%, NE 54%, United States 66%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Dawes County 25%, NE 25%, United States 25%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Dawes County 16%, NE 13%, United States 14%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Dawes County 10%, NE 11%, United States 9%
- Percent landing in jail: Dawes County 0.4%, NE 0.9%, United States 0.4%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Dawes County $7.3, NE $6.6, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 10.9% for Chadron State College (public), 5.2% for Nebraska 4-year-college average, 5.2% for U.S. 4-year-college average.
- Low-income student success rate: 57.5% for Chadron State College (public), 50.4% for Nebraska 4-year-college average, 50.4% for U.S. 4-year-college average.

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.7% for Western Nebraska CC (public), 11.0% for Nebraska 2-year-college average, 11.0% for U.S. 2-year-college average.
- Low-income student success rate: 32.8% for Western Nebraska CC (public), 32.8% for Nebraska 2-year-college average, 32.8% for U.S. 2-year-college average.

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% for Dawes County, 5% for NE, 1% for United States.
- Percent Hispanic: 12% for Dawes County, 10% for NE, 12% for United States.
- Percent over age 65: 13.5% for Dawes County, 13.0% for NE, 13.0% for United States.
- Percent college grad: 16% for Dawes County, 16% for NE, 16% for United States.
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 41 for Dawes County, 76 for NE, 76 for United States.
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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