County Facts: Dawson County, MT
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate
  - Dawson County: 3.2%
  - MT: 4.0%
  - United States: 13.0%
- Poverty rate
  - Dawson County: 15.2%
  - MT: 15.1%
  - United States: 15.1%
- Median family income (000s)
  - Dawson County: $55
  - MT: $57
  - United States: $50
- Population growth 2000-2017
  - Dawson County: 16%
  - MT: 16%
  - United States: 10%
- Manufacturing share of workforce
  - Dawson County: 10%
  - MT: 9.3%
  - United States: 1.7%
- Farming share of workforce
  - Dawson County: 16%
  - MT: 16%
  - United States: 1.8%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
  - Dawson County: 4.7%
  - MT: 3.4%
  - United States: 3.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college
  - Dawson County: 51%
  - MT: 48%
  - United States: 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class
  - Dawson County: 29%
  - MT: 21%
  - United States: 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream
  - Dawson County: 23%
  - MT: 14%
  - United States: 11%
- Percent giving birth as a teen
  - Dawson County: 20%
  - MT: 14%
  - United States: 11%
- Percent landing in jail
  - Dawson County: 4%
  - MT: 5%
  - United States: 3.4%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s)
  - Dawson County: $5.6
  - MT: $5.5
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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- **Montana 4-year-college average**
- **Montana 2-year-college average**
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**

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

Local Demographics

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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