County Facts: Denver County/city, CO
Population 705,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.8% (Denver County/city), 2.8% (CO), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 12.2% (Denver County/city), 15.1% (CO), 17.3% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $60 (Denver County/city), $65 (CO), $73 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 27% (Denver County/city), 30% (CO), 4.4% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Denver County/city), 12% (CO), 16.7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 15.1% (Denver County/city), 10% (CO), 12.2% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 10% (Denver County/city), 1.7% (CO), 1.6% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 38% (Denver County/city), 46% (CO), 48% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15% (Denver County/city), 22% (CO), 27% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Denver County/city), 10% (CO), 11% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% (Denver County/city), 20% (CO), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Denver County/city), 1.5% (CO), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.1 (Denver County/city), $6.1 (CO), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Metropolitan State U of Denver (public)
- Colorado 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Low-income share of students: 6.9% (Metropolitan State U of Denver) vs. 6.8% (Colorado 4-year-college average) vs. 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

Low-income student success rate: 48.1% (Metropolitan State U of Denver) vs. 38.8% (Colorado 4-year-college average) vs. 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- CC Of Denver (public)*
- Colorado 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

Low-income share of students: 12.5% (CC Of Denver) vs. 12.2% (Colorado 2-year-college average) vs. 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

Low-income student success rate: 28.9% (CC Of Denver) vs. 29.9% (Colorado 2-year-college average) vs. 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
- Percent Hispanic
- Percent over age 65
- Percent college grad
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Life expectancy (years)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)

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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