County Facts: Dimmit County, TX

Population 10,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.1% (Dimmit County), 4.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 22.9% (Dimmit County), 21% (TX), 16.6% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $38 (Dimmit County), $57 (TX), $56 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% (Dimmit County), 2% (TX), 36% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 5.1% (Dimmit County), 2% (TX), 6% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 16% (Dimmit County), 16% (TX), 9% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike: 4.7% (Dimmit County), 3.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 41% (Dimmit County), 46% (TX), 12% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Dimmit County), 20% (TX), 10% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Dimmit County), 10% (TX), 25% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Dimmit County), 10% (TX), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Dimmit County), 1.9% (TX), 1.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Dimmit County), $6.4 (TX), $5.8 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.6% (Dimmit County), 9.3% (Texas average), 17.5% (U.S. average)
- Low-income student success rate: 56.0% (Dimmit County), 51.3% (Texas average), 37.1% (U.S. average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 17.5% (Dimmit County), 15.6% (Texas average), 32.9% (U.S. average)
- Low-income student success rate: 37.1% (Dimmit County), 32.9% (Texas average), 76% (U.S. average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Dimmit County), 13% (Texas average), 14% (U.S. average)
- Percent Hispanic: 14% (Dimmit County), 38% (Texas average), 83% (U.S. average)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Dimmit County), 10.3% (Texas average), 13% (U.S. average)
- Percent college grad: 9% (Dimmit County), 18% (Texas average), 21% (U.S. average)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 61 (Dimmit County), 71 (Texas average), 76 (U.S. average)

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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)
- 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