County Facts: Dolores County, CO
Population 2,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.0% in Dolores County, 2.8% in CO, and 2.2% in United States.
Poverty rate: 12.7% in Dolores County, 12.2% in CO, and 11.6% in United States.
Median family income (000s): $52 in Dolores County, $65 in CO, and $57 in United States.
Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% in Dolores County, 3.1% in CO, and 3.6% in United States.
Manufacturing share of workforce: 12% in Dolores County, 7% in CO, and 3% in United States.
Farming share of workforce: 16% in Dolores County, 1.7% in CO, and 1.5% in United States.
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.6% in Dolores County, 4.7% in CO, and 3.6% in United States.

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent reaching upper-middle class: 16% in Dolores County, 20% in CO, and 22% in United States.
Percent achieving American Dream: 11% in Dolores County, 10% in CO, and 17% in United States.
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% in Dolores County, 20% in CO, and 20% in United States.
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% in Dolores County, 1.5% in CO, and -0.1% in United States.
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.7 in Dolores County, $6.1 in CO, and $6.4 in United States.
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 6.8% (Colorado 4-year-college average: 9.3%)  
- Low-income student success rate: 48.1% (Colorado 4-year-college average: 51.3%)

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 12.2% (Colorado 2-year-college average: 15.6%)  
- Low-income student success rate: 29.9% (Colorado 2-year-college average: 32.9%)

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

Local Demographics

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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