County Facts: Elko County, NV
Population 53,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Elko County 3.7%, NV 5.0%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Elko County 13.0%, NV 15.0%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Elko County $57, NV $55, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Elko County 16%, NV 16%, United States 15.1%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Elko County 10%, NV 4.2%
- Farming share of workforce: Elko County 7.0%, NV 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Elko County 3.0%, NV 6.8%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Elko County 38%, NV 34%, United States 27%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Elko County 27%, NV 17%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Elko County 19%, NV 9%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Elko County 17%, NV 19%, United States 9%
- Percent landing in jail: Elko County 1.3%, NV 1.7%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Elko County $6.3, NV $5.6, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Great Basin College (public): 12.0%
  - Nevada 4-year-college average: 8.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Great Basin College (public): 51.3%
  - Nevada 4-year-college average: 25.6%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 42.7%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Nevada 2-year-college average: 9.4%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Nevada 2-year-college average: 34.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Elko County: 3%
  - NV: 10%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Elko County: 19%
  - NV: 27%
  - United States: 17%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Elko County: 12.0%
  - NV: 8.5%
  - United States: 8.5%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Elko County: 10%
  - NV: 16%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Elko County: 64
  - NV: 105
  - United States: 76

- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Elko County: 82.0
  - NV: 83.2
  - United States: 81.4
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