**County Facts: Ellis County, KS**
Population 29,000

### The Local Economy

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<td>2.5%</td>
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<td>Poverty rate</td>
<td>10.5%</td>
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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$48</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Farming share of workforce</td>
<td>10%</td>
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### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Fort Hays State Univ. (public) = 7.3%, Kansas 4-year-college average = 5.6%, U.S. 4-year-college average = 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Fort Hays State Univ. (public) = 48.4%, Kansas 4-year-college average = 45.5%, U.S. 4-year-college average = 51.3%

#### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Fort Hays State Univ. (public) = 11.8%, Kansas 2-year-college average = 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average = 31.9%
- Low-income student success rate: Fort Hays State Univ. (public) = 32.9%

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

### Local Demographics

#### Percent Black
- Ellis County = 2%, KS = 7%, United States = 14%

#### Percent Hispanic
- Ellis County = 6%, KS = 11%, United States = 17%

#### Percent over age 65
- Ellis County = 13%, KS = 13.2%, United States = 13.5%

#### Percent college grad
- Ellis County = 18%, KS = 21%, United States = 21%

#### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Ellis County = 34, KS = 76, United States = 85

#### Life expectancy (years)
- Ellis County = 82.9, KS = 83.0, United States = 83.2

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- 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