County Facts: Forest County, WI
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Forest County 5.1%, WI 3.3%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Forest County 4.4%, WI 12.9%, United States 2.7%
- Median family income (000s): Forest County $47, WI $56, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Forest County 12.9%, WI -11%, United States 12.7%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Forest County 16%, WI 18%, United States 15.1%
- Farming share of workforce: Forest County 3.8%, WI 2.8%, United States 3.5%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Forest County 10%, WI 1.7%, United States 3.5%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Forest County 42%, WI 50%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Forest County 17%, WI 24%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Forest County 11%, WI 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Forest County 17%, WI 17%, United States 14%
- Percent landing in jail: Forest County 1.1%, WI 1.1%, United States 1.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Forest County $7.3, WI $7.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 4.7% (Forest County), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 48.6% (Forest County), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

### 2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.3% (Forest County), 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 29.5% (Forest County), 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: 1% (Forest County), 6% (WI), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 2% (Forest County), 6% (WI), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 20.3% (Forest County), 13.7% (WI), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 16% (Forest County), 20% (WI), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76 (Forest County), 0 (WI), 0 (United States)
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