**County Facts: Garden County, NE**

Population 2,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 2.8% for Garden County, 2.9% for NE, and 1.6% for United States.
- **Poverty rate**: 11.2% for Garden County, 12.3% for NE, and 12.1% for United States.
- **Median family income (000s)**: $47 for Garden County, $57 for NE, and $58 for United States.
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 11% for Garden County, 10% for NE, and 11% for United States.
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 5% for Garden County, 11% for NE, and 16% for United States.
- **Farming share of workforce**: 5.1% for Garden County, 17% for NE, and 1.6% for United States.
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 5.1% for Garden County, 1.7% for NE, and 1.6% for United States.

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 59% for Garden County, 54% for NE, and 46% for United States.
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 25% for Garden County, 18% for NE, and 18% for United States.
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 18% for Garden County, 13% for NE, and 10% for United States.
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 20% for Garden County, 16% for NE, and 8% for United States.
- **Percent landing in jail**: 10% for Garden County, 8% for NE, and 0.6% for United States.
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $8.7 for Garden County, $6.6 for NE, and $6.4 for United States.
**Local Colleges and Upward Mobility**

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

**Nebraska 4-year-college average**: 9.3%
**U.S. 4-year-college average**: 57.5%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 11.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.8%

**Nebraska 2-year-college average**: 15.6%
**U.S. 2-year-college average**: 32.9%

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

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**Local Demographics**

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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)
- 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