County Facts: Grafton County, NH
Population 89,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.2% (Grafton County), 2.7% (NH), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 8.5% (Grafton County), 9% (NH), 12% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $59 (Grafton County), $57 (NH), $70 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% (Grafton County), 16% (NH), 9% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 12% (Grafton County), 10% (NH), 9% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.2% (Grafton County), 1.7% (NH), 2.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.0% (Grafton County), 1.7% (NH), 2.4% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 55% (Grafton County), 56% (NH), 26% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 46% (Grafton County), 22% (NH), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Grafton County), 10% (NH), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Grafton County), 10% (NH), 10% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.8% (Grafton County), 0.7% (NH), 0.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.5 (Grafton County), $6.7 (NH), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Dartmouth College: 9.3%
- New Hampshire 4-year-college average: 5.1%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- Low-income share of students: 2.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

**2-Year Colleges**
- River Valley CC (public)†: 15.6%
- New Hampshire 2-year-college average: 7.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- Low-income share of students: 9.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Grafton County 2%, NH 2%, United States 2%
- Percent Hispanic: Grafton County 2%, NH 2%, United States 3%
- Percent over age 65: Grafton County 14%, NH 17%, United States 15.5%
- Percent college grad: Grafton County 26%, NH 25%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Grafton County 76, NH 29, United States 32
- Life expectancy (years): Grafton County 83.9, NH 83.8, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Grafton County 32, NH 20, United States 15
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