County Facts: Hardin County, IA
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Hardin County 3.2%, IA 3.1%, United States 11.0%
- Poverty rate: Hardin County 12.4%, IA 15.1%, United States 16%
- Median family income (000s): Hardin County $56, IA $57, United States $50
- Population growth 2000-2017: Hardin County 4%, IA 8%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Hardin County 16%, IA 15%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Hardin County 10%, IA 15%, United States 20%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Hardin County 4.3%, IA 3.2%, United States 2.8%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Hardin County 57%, IA 55%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Hardin County 28%, IA 26%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Hardin County 16%, IA 14%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Hardin County 14%, IA 14%, United States 14%
- Percent landing in jail: Hardin County 0.7%, IA 0.4%, United States 0.4%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Hardin County $6.1, IA $6.1, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 4.6% (Iowa 4-year-college average), 9.7% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Iowa 4-year-college average), 32.8% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.3% (Iowa 2-year-college average), 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 58.1% (Iowa 2-year-college average), 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: 2% (Hardin County), 4% (IA), 5% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 5% (Hardin County), 6% (IA), 6% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 14% (Hardin County), 14.9% (IA), 13% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 19% (Hardin County), 21% (IA), 15% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 49 (Hardin County), 66 (IA), 76 (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