County Facts: Hardin County, IL
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 7.6% Hardin County, 4.9% IL, 4.4% United States
Poverty rate: 16.9% Hardin County, 15.1% IL, 14.0% United States
Median family income (000s): $60 Hardin County, $57 IL, $44 United States
Population growth 2000-2017: 3% Hardin County, -16% IL, 10% United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% Hardin County, 10% IL, 12% United States
Farming share of workforce: 4.3% Hardin County, 1.7% IL, 3.5% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.2% Hardin County, 4.7% IL, 10% United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 53% Hardin County, 46% IL, 36% United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% Hardin County, 20% IL, 20% United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 14% Hardin County, 11% IL, 10% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 23% Hardin County, 20% IL, 18% United States
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% Hardin County, 1.2% IL, 0.9% United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 Hardin County, $5.7 IL, $5.1 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 8.0% (IL), 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (IL), 54.2% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 16.5% (IL), 13.1% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 31.3% (IL), 30.3% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 7% (Hardin County), 15% (IL), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 2% (Hardin County), 16% (IL), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 12.5% (Hardin County), 13.0% (IL), 12% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 23% (Hardin County), 21% (IL), 21% (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