County Facts: Hardin County, KY
Population 108,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
- Hardin County: 4.6%
- KY: 4.4%
- United States: 4.7%

Poverty rate
- Hardin County: 16.3%
- KY: 15.1%
- United States: 14%

Median family income (000s)
- Hardin County: $49
- KY: $46
- United States: $47

Population growth 2000-2017
- Hardin County: 17%
- KY: 15%
- United States: 14%

Manufacturing share of workforce
- Hardin County: 16%
- KY: 15%
- United States: 14%

Farming share of workforce
- Hardin County: 10%
- KY: 10%
- United States: 9%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
- Hardin County: 4.8%
- KY: 4.7%
- United States: 4.5%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
- Hardin County: 40%
- KY: 46%
- United States: 41%

Percent reaching upper-middle class
- Hardin County: 15%
- KY: 17%
- United States: 16%

Percent achieving American Dream
- Hardin County: 6%
- KY: 7%
- United States: 6%

Percent giving birth as a teen
- Hardin County: 22%
- KY: 20%
- United States: 18%

Percent landing in jail
- Hardin County: 1.3%
- KY: 1.4%
- United States: 1.2%

Local school expenditure per student (000s)
- Hardin County: $5.5
- KY: $6.1
- United States: $6.3
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:** 9.8% (Kentucky) vs. 9.3% (U.S.);
- **Low-income student success rate:** 51.3% (Kentucky) vs. 38.4% (U.S.).

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:** 11.3% (Kentucky) vs. 15.6% (U.S.);
- **Low-income student success rate:** 15.6% (Kentucky) vs. 28.2% (U.S.).

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:** 14% (Hardin County) vs. 10% (Kentucky) vs. 9% (U.S.);
- **Percent Hispanic:** 17% (Hardin County) vs. 11.0% (Kentucky) vs. 11% (U.S.);
- **Percent over age 65:** 3% (Hardin County) vs. 12% (Kentucky) vs. 16% (U.S.);
- **Percent college grad:** 21% (Hardin County) vs. 66% (Kentucky) vs. 72% (U.S.);
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):** 76 (Hardin County) vs. 81.5 (Kentucky) vs. 83.2 (U.S.);
- **Life expectancy (years):** 14 (Hardin County) vs. 81.9 (Kentucky) vs. 81.9 (U.S.);
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents):** 15 (Hardin County) vs. 14 (Kentucky) vs. 26 (U.S.).

*Hardin County, KY; United States; 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