County Facts: Hidalgo County, NM
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.2% Hidalgo County, 6.1% NM, 5.2% United States
Poverty rate: 21.1% Hidalgo County, 25.6% NM, 21.1% United States
Median family income (000s): $33 Hidalgo County, $46 NM, $33 United States
Population growth 2000-2017: -27% Hidalgo County, -16% NM, -27% United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 4% Hidalgo County, 4% NM, 4% United States
Farming share of workforce: 10% Hidalgo County, 6.6% NM, 10% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 15% Hidalgo County, 16% NM, 15% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 35% Hidalgo County, 40% NM, 35% United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 10% Hidalgo County, 16% NM, 10% United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 5% Hidalgo County, 9% NM, 5% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% Hidalgo County, 24% NM, 20% United States
Percent landing in jail: 1.3% Hidalgo County, 1.5% NM, 1.3% United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 Hidalgo County, $6.6 NM, $6.4 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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

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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