Jefferson County, CO

County Facts: Jefferson County, CO
Population 575,000

The Local Economy

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<td>2.6%</td>
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<td>Poverty rate</td>
<td>12.2%</td>
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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$72</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Farming share of workforce</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
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<td>Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)</td>
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How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

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<td>Percent graduating any college</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>Percent reaching upper-middle class</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Percent achieving American Dream</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Percent giving birth as a teen</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Percent landing in jail</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
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<td>Local school expenditure per student (000s)</td>
<td>$6.5</td>
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### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Colorado Christian Univ.: 4.1%
  - Colorado 4-year-college average: 6.8%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Colorado Christian Univ.: 27.1%
  - Colorado 4-year-college average: 48.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

#### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Red Rocks CC (public)*: 12.5%
  - Colorado 2-year-college average: 12.2%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Red Rocks CC (public)*: 28.9%
  - Colorado 2-year-college average: 28.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 29.9%

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

### Local Demographics

#### Percent Black
- Jefferson County: 2%
- CO: 16%
- United States: 17%

#### Percent Hispanic
- Jefferson County: 14%
- CO: 21%
- United States: 13.0%

#### Percent over age 65
- Jefferson County: 31%
- CO: 93
- United States: 84.9

#### Percent college grad
- Jefferson County: 27%
- CO: 79
- United States: 84

#### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Jefferson County: 21%
- CO: 76
- United States: 6

#### Life expectancy (years)
- Jefferson County: 83.2
- CO: 76
- United States: 79

#### Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)
- Jefferson County: 10
- CO: 6
- United States: 15
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
- BLS LAUS: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, from Yagan “Employment Hysteresis from the Great Reces-
- 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
- 2000 Census: U.S. Census Bureau from Bergeron-Chetty-Cutler-Scuder-Stepner-Turner “Association between In-
- FBI Uniform Crime Reports: 2000 from Bergeron-Chetty-Cutler-Scuder-Stepner-Turner “Association between In-
- Tax Data 2: Chetty-Friedman-Saez-Turner-Yagan “Income Segregation and Intergenerational Mobility at U.S. Col-
leges” 2018.