County Facts: Kalamazoo County, MI
Population 263,000

The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$55</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Farming share of workforce</td>
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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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<td>Percent achieving American Dream</td>
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<td>Percent giving birth as a teen</td>
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<td>Percent landing in jail</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>Local school expenditure per student (000s)</td>
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Western Michigan Univ. (public) - 3.5%, Michigan 4-year-college average - 6.3%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Western Michigan Univ. (public) - 50.3%, Michigan 4-year-college average - 51.3%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 56.0%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Kalamazoo Valley CC (public) - 9.5%, Michigan 2-year-college average - 11.0%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Kalamazoo Valley CC (public) - 25.3%, Michigan 2-year-college average - 27.7%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Kalamazoo County - 14%, MI - 14%, United States - 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Kalamazoo County - 17%, MI - 17%, United States - 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Kalamazoo County - 13.8%, MI - 13.0%, United States - 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: Kalamazoo County - 24%, MI - 21%, United States - 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Kalamazoo County - 66, MI - 55, United States - 55
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Kalamazoo County - 83.5, MI - 82.6, United States - 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Kalamazoo County - 17, MI - 15, United States - 15

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- 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