County Facts: Knox County, NE
Population 8,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.5% 2.9% 4.4%
Poverty rate: 12.6% 2.3% 15.1%
Median family income (000s): $52 $56 $57
Population growth 2000-2017: -10% -12% 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: 19% 11% 10%
Farming share of workforce: 8.1% 5.1% 1.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% 2.0% 2.0%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 61% 54% 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 27% 25% 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: 23% 13% 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% 14% 8%
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% 0.9% 0.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 $6.4 $6.3

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students

- Mount Marty College†
- Nebraska 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Low-income student success rate

- 8.2%
- 5.2%
- 9.3%
- 46.8%
- 57.5%
- 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students

- 11.0%
- 15.6%
- 32.8%
- 32.9%

Low-income student success rate

- Nebraska 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black

- Knox County
- NE
- United States

Percent Hispanic

- Knox County
- NE
- United States

Percent over age 65

- Knox County
- NE
- United States

Percent college grad

- Knox County
- NE
- United States

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)

- Knox County
- NE
- 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