County Facts: La Plata County, CO
Population 56,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: La Plata County 2.5%, CO 2.8%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: La Plata County 12.7%, CO 12.2%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): La Plata County $52, CO $57, United States $65
- Population growth 2000-2017: La Plata County 26%, CO 30%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: La Plata County 3%, CO 7%, United States 3%
- Farming share of workforce: La Plata County 16%, CO 1.7%, United States 3.8%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): La Plata County 1.6%, CO 3.8%, United States 3.8%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: La Plata County 50%, CO 48%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: La Plata County 24%, CO 22%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: La Plata County 17%, CO 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: La Plata County 17%, CO 11%, United States 10%
- Percent landing in jail: La Plata County 0.8%, CO 0.8%, United States 0.8%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): La Plata County $6.8, CO $6.1, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Low-income share of students</th>
<th>Low-income student success rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fort Lewis College (public)</td>
<td>7.4% 6.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado 4-year-college average</td>
<td>35.3% 48.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.S. 4-year-college average</td>
<td>18.0% 15.6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2-Year Colleges

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Low-income share of students</th>
<th>Low-income student success rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>San Juan College (public)†</td>
<td>18.0% 12.2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado 2-year-college average</td>
<td>29.7% 29.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.S. 2-year-college average</td>
<td>32.9%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Local Demographics

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percent Black</th>
<th>Percent Hispanic</th>
<th>Percent over age 65</th>
<th>Percent college grad</th>
<th>Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)</th>
<th>Life expectancy (years)</th>
<th>Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>84.4</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>83.2</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21%</td>
<td>13.0%</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>84.4</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29%</td>
<td>11.6%</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>83.2</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

La Plata County CO 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