County Facts: Lancaster County, NE
Population 314,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Lancaster County 2.6%, NE 2.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Lancaster County 14.3%, NE 12.3%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Lancaster County $58, NE $57, United States $56
- Population growth 2000-2017: Lancaster County 12%, NE 16%, United States 26%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Lancaster County 10%, NE 10%, United States 11%
- Farming share of workforce: Lancaster County 1.1%, NE 1.7%, United States 1.6%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lancaster County 5.1%, NE 1.6%, United States 1.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Lancaster County 56%, NE 46%, United States 54%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lancaster County 25%, NE 20%, United States 25%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Lancaster County 13%, NE 10%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Lancaster County 14%, NE 14%, United States 14%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lancaster County $6.9, NE $6.6, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 4.4% (U of Nebraska (public)*), 7.4% (Southeast CC (public))
- **Low-income student success rate**: 57.3% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 11.0% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 41.3% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 32.8% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

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Local Demographics

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U of Nebraska (public)*
Nebraska 4-year-college average
U.S. 4-year-college average
Southeast CC (public)
Nebraska 2-year-college average
U.S. 2-year-college average
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