County Facts: Lawrence County, SD
Population 25,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Lawrence County 4.4%, SD 3.3%, United States 3.3%
Poverty rate: Lawrence County 15.1%, SD 12.4%, United States 13.4%
Median family income (000s): Lawrence County $57, SD $55, United States $57
Population growth 2000-2017: Lawrence County 4.4%, SD 17%, United States 15%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Lawrence County 16%, SD 5%, United States 5%
Farming share of workforce: Lawrence County 10%, SD 10%, United States 10%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lawrence County 17%, SD 15%, United States 16%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Lawrence County 48%, SD 52%, United States 52%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lawrence County 26%, SD 24%, United States 24%
Percent achieving American Dream: Lawrence County 16%, SD 14%, United States 14%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Lawrence County 20%, SD 12%, United States 10%
Percent landing in jail: Lawrence County 0.8%, SD 1.0%, United States 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lawrence County $4.7, SD $5.1, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Lawrence County 2%, SD 2%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Lawrence County 4%, SD 3%, United States 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Lawrence County 14.3%, SD 13.0%, United States 16.6%
- **Percent college grad**: Lawrence County 20%, SD 19%, United States 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Lawrence County 53, SD 61, United States 76
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