County Facts: Liberty County, MT
Population 2,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Poverty rate | Median family income (000s) | Population growth 2000-2017 | Manufacturing share of workforce | Farming share of workforce | Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Liberty County | MT | United States
3.1% | 4.0% | 15.3% | 4.4% | $43 | $50 | $57 | 12% | 15.2% | 15.1% | 15.0% | 3% | 5% | 16% | 16% | 16% | 10% | 10% | 16% | 9.7% | 5.7% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 3.4% | 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent reaching upper-middle class | Percent achieving American Dream | Percent giving birth as a teen | Percent landing in jail | Local school expenditure per student (000s)
---|---|---|---|---
Liberty County | MT | United States
17% | 21% | 20% | 15% | 14% | 14% | 14% | 3% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 1.5% | $7.6 | $6.4 |
10% | 14% | 14% | $5.5 | $6.4 | $5.5
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 15.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 44.1%
- **Montana State Univ. - Northern (public)†**: 15.1%, 44.1%
- **Montana 4-year-college average**: 8.7%, 9.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 16.9%, 41.2%

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 16.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.2%
- **Montana 2-year-college average**: 15.6%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 21%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Liberty County 1%, MT 1%, United States 1%
- Percent Hispanic: Liberty County 3%, MT 3%, United States 3%
- Percent over age 65: Liberty County 14.8%, MT 13.0%, United States 17%
- Percent college grad: Liberty County 21%, MT 21%, United States 23%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Liberty County 71, MT 76, 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