County Facts: Lincoln County, NE
Population 35,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.0% Lincoln County, 2.9% NE, 2.3% United States
- Poverty rate: 12.7% Lincoln County, 15.1% NE, 16% United States
- Median family income (000s): $54 Lincoln County, $56 NE, $57 United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% Lincoln County, 15.1% NE, 16% United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% Lincoln County, 10% NE, 10% United States
- Farming share of workforce: 12% Lincoln County, 10% NE, 11% United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.1% Lincoln County, 1.7% NE, 1.3% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 49% Lincoln County, 54% NE, 60% United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% Lincoln County, 23% NE, 20% United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 13% Lincoln County, 13% NE, 14% United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% Lincoln County, 14% NE, 10% United States
- Percent landing in jail: 0.5% Lincoln County, 0.9% NE, 1.7% United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.0 Lincoln County, $6.6 NE, $6.4 United States

Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.2% for Nebraska, 9.3% for U.S.
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3% for Nebraska, 57.5% for U.S.

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 15.1% for Nebraska, 11.0% for U.S.
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.8% for Nebraska, 32.9% for U.S.

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- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6% for Nebraska, 34.5% for U.S.

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 2% for Lincoln County, 5% for NE, 14% for United States
- **Percent Hispanic**: 12% for Lincoln County, 10% for NE, 17% for United States
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.5% for Lincoln County, 13.0% for NE, 15.6% for United States
- **Percent college grad**: 14% for Lincoln County, 21% for NE, 20% for United States
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 5 for Lincoln County, 76 for NE, 76 for United States
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.9 for Lincoln County, 83.4 for NE, 83.2 for United States

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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