County Facts: Lincoln County, WV
Population 21,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 6.8% (Lincoln County), 5.2% (WV), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 17.8% (Lincoln County), 16.7% (WV), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Lincoln County), $43 (WV), $38 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Lincoln County), 0% (WV), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Lincoln County), 8% (WV), 8% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Lincoln County), 1.0% (WV), 2.5% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Lincoln County), 3.1% (WV), 2.5% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 27% (Lincoln County), 14% (WV), 19% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 45% (Lincoln County), 46% (WV), 46% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (Lincoln County), 9% (WV), 9% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 22% (Lincoln County), 17% (WV), 1.5% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Lincoln County), 1.3% (WV), 1.0% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 (Lincoln County), $6.4 (WV), $6.4 (United States)
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

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<td>Percent Hispanic</td>
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<td>Percent over age 65</td>
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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