County Facts: Luzerne County, PA
Population 317,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 5.9% (Luzerne County), 4.9% (PA), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 15.1% (Luzerne County), 13.3% (PA), 12% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $57 (Luzerne County), $56 (PA), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 3% (Luzerne County), 4% (PA), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Luzerne County), 13% (PA), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 13% (Luzerne County), 12% (PA), 10% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Luzerne County), 1.2% (PA), 3.8% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 54% (Luzerne County), 53% (PA), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% (Luzerne County), 25% (PA), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 13% (Luzerne County), 12% (PA), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 13% (Luzerne County), 10% (PA), 10% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 0.8% (Luzerne County), 1.3% (PA), 0.8% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.5 (Luzerne County), $7.7 (PA), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 6.4%, 6.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 56.7%, 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.6%, 13.2%
- Low-income student success rate: 75%, 76%

Wilkes Univ. Pennsylvania 4-year-college average
U.S. 4-year-college average

Luzerne County CC (public)
Pennsylvania 2-year-college average
U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 5%, 12%, 14%
- Percent Hispanic: 9%, 6%
- Percent over age 65: 17%, 17.9%
- Percent college grad: 3.0%, 17%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 50, 75
- Life expectancy (years): 82.0, 83.0
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 11, 20

Luzerne County, PA
PA
United States
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