County Facts: Lyon County, MN
Population 26,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Lyon County 3.2% MN 3.4% United States 4.7%
Poverty rate: Lyon County 11.2% MN 0.9% United States 2.0%
Median family income (000s): Lyon County $52 MN $57 United States $65
Population growth 2000-2017: Lyon County 16% MN 13% United States 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Lyon County 16% MN 10% United States 3.2%
Farming share of workforce: Lyon County 10.3% MN 2.8% United States 14%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lyon County 2.0% MN 1.7% United States 2.8%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Lyon County 60% MN 55% United States 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lyon County 29% MN 29% United States 21%
Percent achieving American Dream: Lyon County 15% MN 13% United States 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Lyon County 20% MN 10% United States 9%
Percent landing in jail: Lyon County 1.5% MN 0.4% United States 0.6%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lyon County $6.2 MN $6.4 United States $6.3
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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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