County Facts: Marion County, IA
Population 33,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Marion County 2.7%, IA 3.1%, United States 8.2%

Poverty rate: Marion County 15.1%, IA 15.0%, United States 15.0%

Median family income (000s): Marion County $60, IA $57, United States $56

Population growth 2000-2017: Marion County 14%, IA 10%, United States 3%

Manufacturing share of workforce: Marion County 15%, IA 15%, United States 12%

Farming share of workforce: Marion County 4.3%, IA 4.1%, United States 4.7%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Marion County 14%, IA 13%, United States 10%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Marion County 54%, IA 55%, United States 46%

Percent reaching upper-middle class: Marion County 28%, IA 26%, United States 20%

Percent achieving American Dream: Marion County 15%, IA 14%, United States 10%

Percent giving birth as a teen: Marion County 14%, IA 13%, United States 13%

Percent landing in jail: Marion County 0.4%, IA 0.7%, United States 1.7%

Local school expenditure per student (000s): Marion County $6.8, IA $6.4, United States $6.1
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Central College
- Low-income share of students: 3.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.7%
- Iowa 4-year-college average: 4.6%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

- Indian Hills CC (public)†
- Low-income share of students: 13.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 9.7%
- Iowa 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 30.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Marion County 1%, IA 4%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Marion County 4%, IA 6%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Marion County 15.6%, IA 14.9%, United States 14%
- Percent college grad: Marion County 21%, IA 19%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Marion County 51, IA 66, United States 76
- Life expectancy (years): Marion County 83.4, IA 83.3, United States 83.2

- Marion County
- IA
- United States
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