County Facts: Marion County, WV
Population 56,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Marion County: 5.2% | WV: 5.2% | United States: 4.4%
Poverty rate | Marion County: 15.2% | WV: 15.1% | United States: 16%
Median family income (000s) | Marion County: $49 | WV: $43 | United States: $57
Population growth 2000-2017 | Marion County: 0% | WV: 0% | United States: 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce | Marion County: 6% | WV: 8% | United States: 10%
Farming share of workforce | Marion County: 1.7% | WV: 1.0% | United States: 1.8%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) | Marion County: 0.5% | WV: 1.0% | United States: 1.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college | Marion County: 50% | WV: 45% | United States: 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class | Marion County: 23% | WV: 19% | United States: 20%
Percent achieving American Dream | Marion County: 12% | WV: 9% | United States: 11%
Percent giving birth as a teen | Marion County: 20% | WV: 17% | United States: 11%
Percent landing in jail | Marion County: 1.5% | WV: 1.0% | United States: 0.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) | Marion County: $6.4 | WV: $6.4 | United States: $6.2
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 13.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

**2-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 20.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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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