County Facts: Mason County, WA
Population 64,000

The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
<td>$66</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
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How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

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<td>Percent landing in jail</td>
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Washington (public)† - 5.4%, Washington 4-year-college average - 6.7%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Washington (public)† - 51.3%, Washington 4-year-college average - 51.0%, U.S. 4-year-college average - 63.6%

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: Pierce College (public)† - 9.9%, Washington 2-year-college average - 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 45.6%
- Low-income student success rate: Pierce College (public)† - 36.2%, Washington 2-year-college average - 32.9%, U.S. 2-year-college average - 36.2%

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black: Mason County - 2%, WA - 5%, United States - 14%
Percent Hispanic: Mason County - 12%, WA - 9%, United States - 17%
Percent over age 65: Mason County - 2.3%, WA - 13%, United States - 18.3%
Percent college grad: Mason County - 13%, WA - 21%, United States - 23%
Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Mason County - 101, WA - 76, United States - 100
Life expectancy (years): Mason County - 84.0, WA - 83.4, United States - 83.2
Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Mason County - 11, WA - 10, United States - 15
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