County Facts: McCurtain County, OK
Population 33,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: McCurtain County 6.3%, OK 4.4%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: McCurtain County 21.8%, OK 14%, United States 10%
- Median family income (000s): McCurtain County $49, OK $38, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: McCurtain County 16%, OK 14%, United States 11%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: McCurtain County 10%, OK 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: McCurtain County 3.5%, OK 1.7%, United States 2.2%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): McCurtain County 2.2%, OK 1.7%, United States 1.5%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: McCurtain County 39%, OK 33%, United States 23%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: McCurtain County 19%, OK 10%, United States 8%
- Percent achieving American Dream: McCurtain County 10%, OK 20%, United States 23%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: McCurtain County 1.5%, OK 1.4%, United States 1.0%
- Percent landing in jail: McCurtain County 46%, OK 16%, United States 6%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): McCurtain County $5.2, OK $4.8, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 10.7% (Oklahoma) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Oklahoma) vs. 31.5% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 16.7% (Oklahoma) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 26.0% (Oklahoma) vs. 26.0% (U.S.)

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 6% (McCurtain County) vs. 9% (OK) vs. 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 5% (McCurtain County) vs. 10% (OK) vs. 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 13.5% (McCurtain County) vs. 13.0% (OK) vs. 15.5% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 16% (McCurtain County) vs. 10% (OK) vs. 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 66 (McCurtain County) vs. 76 (OK) vs. 85 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 80.3 (McCurtain County) vs. 81.5 (OK) vs. 83.2 (United States)

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