County Facts: McLean County, ND
Population 10,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: McLean County 3.1%, ND 2.6%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: McLean County 10.1%, ND 11.7%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): McLean County $67, ND $60, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: McLean County 4%, ND 4%, United States 7%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: McLean County 18%, ND 10%, United States 6.8%
- Farming share of workforce: McLean County 6.4%, ND 1.7%, United States 0.8%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): McLean County 1.7%, ND 0.8%, United States 1.1%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: McLean County 65%, ND 58%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: McLean County 40%, ND 32%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: McLean County 26%, ND 22%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: McLean County 7%, ND 11%, United States 7%
- Percent landing in jail: McLean County 6.4%, ND 0.6%, United States 0.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): McLean County $5.1, ND $5.2, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**:
  - Bismarck State College (public)†: 10.1%
  - North Dakota 4-year-college average: 6.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**:
  - Bismarck State College (public)†: 57.6%
  - North Dakota 4-year-college average: 52.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**:
  - Bismarck State College (public)†: 12.8%
  - North Dakota 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 46.6%

- **Low-income student success rate**:
  - Bismarck State College (public)†: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**:
  - McLean County: 3%
  - ND: 3%
  - United States: 4%

- **Percent Hispanic**:
  - McLean County: 4%
  - ND: 3%
  - United States: 4%

- **Percent over age 65**:
  - McLean County: 14.5%
  - ND: 13.0%
  - United States: 16%

- **Percent college grad**:
  - McLean County: 20%
  - ND: 21%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**:
  - McLean County: 1
  - ND: 49
  - United States: 76
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 25$^{th}$-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