County Facts: McPherson County, NE
Population 500

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: McPherson County 2.2%, NE 2.9%, United States 2.3%
- Poverty rate: McPherson County 15.1%, NE 12.7%, United States 12.3%
- Median family income (000s): McPherson County $54, NE $56, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: McPherson County 4.4%, NE -6%, United States 12%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: McPherson County 16%, NE 11%, United States 10.1%
- Farming share of workforce: McPherson County 10%, NE 10%, United States 17%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): McPherson County 1.6%, NE 1.3%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent reaching upper-middle class: McPherson County 19%, NE 20%, United States 25%
- Percent achieving American Dream: McPherson County 16%, NE 13%, United States 14%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: McPherson County 14%, NE 0.9%, United States 0.3%
- Percent landing in jail: McPherson County 20%, NE 1.5%, United States $6.6
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): McPherson County $6.5, NE $6.4, United States $6.6
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 57.5%

### 2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 15.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 34.5%

**Nebraska 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 5.2%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 57.5%

**Nebraska 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 13.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 34.5%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 32.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.8%

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**Mid-Plains CC (public)**

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

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Local Demographics

### Percent Black
- McPherson County: 2%
- NE: 5%
- United States: 14%

### Percent Hispanic
- McPherson County: 10%
- NE: 12%
- United States: 17%

### Percent over age 65
- McPherson County: 13.5%
- NE: 13.0%
- United States: 18.0%

### Percent college grad
- McPherson County: 20%
- NE: 14%
- United States: 21%

### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- McPherson County: 0
- NE: 76
- 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 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