County Facts: Meeker County, MN

Population 23,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.1%
- Poverty rate: 9.2%
- Median family income (000s): $65
- Population growth 2000-2017: 2%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 13%
- Farming share of workforce: 16%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 10%

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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 53%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 29%
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10%
- Percent landing in jail: 0.4%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.0

Meeker County MN United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 6.5% (MN) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 45.9% (MN) vs. 51.3% (U.S.)

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 8.6% (MN) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 24.2% (MN) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 2% (Meeker County) vs. 6% (MN) vs. 14% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 8% (Meeker County) vs. 5% (MN) vs. 17% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 12.9% (Meeker County) vs. 13.0% (MN) vs. 16.5% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 22% (Meeker County) vs. 21% (MN) vs. 22% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 48 (Meeker County) vs. 71 (MN) vs. 76 (United States)
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