**County Facts: Meigs County, OH**

Population 23,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate:** 8.1% (Meigs County), 5.0% (OH), 3.6% (United States)
- **Poverty rate:** 4.4% (Meigs County), 3.3% (OH), 1.3% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s):** $57 (Meigs County), $52 (OH), $40 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017:** 0% (Meigs County), 3% (OH), 1.0% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce:** 16% (Meigs County), 10% (OH), 1.0% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce:** 15% (Meigs County), 10% (OH), 1.2% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp):** 4.7% (Meigs County), 4.0% (OH), 1.7% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college:** 39% (Meigs County), 20% (OH), 14% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class:** 47% (Meigs County), 46% (OH), 20% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream:** 20% (Meigs County), 10% (OH), 8% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen:** 10% (Meigs County), 18% (OH), 9% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail:** 1.5% (Meigs County), 1.3% (OH), 1.0% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s):** $6.4 (Meigs County), $6.1 (OH), $4.8 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.1%, 6.0%, 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.8%, 43.6%, 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.3%, 12.4%, 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 27.1%, 25.8%, 32.9%

Ohio Univ. (public)†
Ohio 4-year-college average
U.S. 4-year-college average

Hocking Tech College (public)†
Ohio 2-year-college average
U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Meigs County 3%, OH 14%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Meigs County 1%, OH 3%, United States 3%
- Percent over age 65: Meigs County 17%, OH 15.7%, United States 14.1%
- Percent college grad: Meigs County 21%, OH 19%, United States 14%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Meigs County 68, OH 76, United States 56
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Meigs County 37, OH 37, United States 15

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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