County Facts: Middlesex County, CT
Population 163,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.1% in Middlesex County, 4.7% in CT, and 4.4% in the United States.
- Poverty rate: 7.6% in Middlesex County, 10.1% in CT, and 5% in the United States.
- Median family income (000s): $79 in Middlesex County, $74 in CT, and $57 in the United States.
- Population growth 2000-2017: 5% in Middlesex County, 5% in CT, and 16% in the United States.
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% in Middlesex County, 10% in CT, and 10% in the United States.
- Farming share of workforce: 0.5% in Middlesex County, 0.6% in CT, and 0.5% in the United States.
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 3.5% in Middlesex County, 3.5% in CT, and 4.7% in the United States.

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 61% in Middlesex County, 60% in CT, and 60% in the United States.
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 32% in Middlesex County, 31% in CT, and 46% in the United States.
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15% in Middlesex County, 13% in CT, and 20% in the United States.
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 8% in Middlesex County, 10% in CT, and 10% in the United States.
- Percent landing in jail: 0.8% in Middlesex County, 1.1% in CT, and 1.5% in the United States.
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.7 in Middlesex County, $8.9 in CT, and $6.4 in the United States.
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Wesleyan Univ. (4.2%), Connecticut 4-year-college average (5.6%), U.S. 4-year-college average (9.3%)
- Low-income student success rate:
  - Wesleyan Univ. (59.1%), Connecticut 4-year-college average (51.3%), U.S. 4-year-college average (65.6%)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Middlesex CC of Middletown, CT (public) (8.8%), Connecticut 2-year-college average (12.2%), U.S. 2-year-college average (15.6%)
- Low-income student success rate:
  - Middlesex CC of Middletown, CT (public) (35.5%), Connecticut 2-year-college average (37.1%), U.S. 2-year-college average (32.9%)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Middlesex County (6%), CT (12%), United States (14%)
- Percent Hispanic: Middlesex County (15%), CT (17%), United States (15.5%)
- Percent over age 65: Middlesex County (14%), CT (15.5%), United States (17%)
- Percent college grad: Middlesex County (31%), CT (27%), United States (21%)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Middlesex County (48), CT (76), United States (80)
- Life expectancy (years): Middlesex County (84.8), CT (84.3), United States (83.2)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Middlesex County (26), CT (27), United States (15)
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