County Facts: Midland County, TX
Population 165,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.0% Midland County, 4.3% TX, 4.4% United States
Poverty rate: 8.6% Midland County, 16.6% TX, 31% United States
Median family income (000s): $64 Midland County, $56 TX, $57 United States
Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% Midland County, 42% TX, 16% United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% Midland County, 9% TX, 5% United States
Farming share of workforce: 1.7% Midland County, 1.1% TX, 0.3% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% Midland County, 3.7% TX, 3.3% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 45% Midland County, 46% TX, 41% United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 31% Midland County, 20% TX, 20% United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 19% Midland County, 10% TX, 10% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 26% Midland County, 25% TX, 20% United States
Percent landing in jail: 1.9% Midland County, 1.8% TX, 1.5% United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 Midland County, $5.8 TX, $4.7 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 18.8%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 56.0%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 20.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 40.2%

**Midland College (public)**

- Low-income share of students: 18.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 56.0%

**Texas 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 13.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 45.6%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.1%

**Odessa College (public)**

- Low-income share of students: 20.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 37.1%

**Texas 2-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 17.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 27.1%

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

Local Demographics

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**Midland County**

- Percent Black: 7%
- Percent Hispanic: 14%
- Percent over age 65: 42%
- Percent college grad: 17%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 71
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 15

**TX**

- Percent Black: 13%
- Percent Hispanic: 38%
- Percent over age 65: 11%
- Percent college grad: 0.3%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76
- Life expectancy (years): 82.9
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 5

**United States**

- Percent Black: 17%
- Percent Hispanic: 17%
- Percent over age 65: 17%
- Percent college grad: 17%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 71
- Life expectancy (years): 82.5
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 7
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