County Facts: Mifflin County, PA
Population 46,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.3% (Mifflin County), 4.9% (PA), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 15.1% (Mifflin County), 13.3% (PA), 11.3% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Mifflin County), $56 (PA), $50 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Mifflin County), 19% (PA), 15.1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 3.3% (Mifflin County), 4.9% (PA), 4.7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 12% (Mifflin County), 10% (PA), 10% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 3.9% (Mifflin County), 3.8% (PA), 3.6% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 53% (Mifflin County), 46% (PA), 42% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% (Mifflin County), 20% (PA), 17% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 12% (Mifflin County), 10% (PA), 7% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Mifflin County), 16% (PA), 13% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Mifflin County), 1.3% (PA), 1.1% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.7 (Mifflin County), $6.4 (PA), $6.3 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Shippensburg U of Pennsylvania (public)†: 4.4% (Low-income share of students), 9.3% (Low-income student success rate)
- Pennsylvania 4-year-college average: 6.0% (Low-income share), 62.0% (Low-income student success rate)
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3% (Low-income share), 62.0% (Low-income student success rate)

2-Year Colleges

- Harrisburg Area CC (public)†: 10.3% (Low-income share of students), 15.6% (Low-income student success rate)
- Pennsylvania 2-year-college average: 13.2% (Low-income share), 30.1% (Low-income student success rate)
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6% (Low-income share), 32.9% (Low-income student success rate)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Mifflin County 3%, PA 12%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Mifflin County 3%, PA 6%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Mifflin County 18.5%, PA 5.4%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Mifflin County 12%, PA 3.0%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Mifflin County 69, PA 75, United States 76
- Life expectancy (years): Mifflin County 83.6, PA 83.0, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Mifflin County 14, PA 15, United States 20
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