County Facts: Mills County, IA
Population 15,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.8% for Mills County, 3.1% for IA, and 4.4% for United States.
- Poverty rate: 12.5% for Mills County, 12.4% for IA, and 12.5% for United States.
- Median family income (000s): $54 for Mills County, $56 for IA, and $57 for United States.
- Population growth 2000-2017: 4% for Mills County, 7% for IA, and 16% for United States.
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% for Mills County, 10% for IA, and 17% for United States.
- Farming share of workforce: 15% for Mills County, 4.3% for IA, and 1.6% for United States.
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 10% for Mills County, 1.6% for IA, and 1.6% for United States.

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 48% for Mills County, 46% for IA, and 55% for United States.
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 24% for Mills County, 26% for IA, and 20% for United States.
- Percent achieving American Dream: 14% for Mills County, 17% for IA, and 10% for United States.
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 13% for Mills County, 14% for IA, and 14% for United States.
- Percent landing in jail: 1.7% for Mills County, 0.7% for IA, and 1.2% for United States.
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 for Mills County, $6.1 for IA, and $6.2 for United States.
### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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**Low-income student success rate**

- Bellevue Univ.†: 7.8%
- Iowa 4-year-college average: 4.6%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 53.3%
- Metropolitan CC of Omaha, NE (public)†: 15.6%
- Iowa 2-year-college average: 10.3%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 27.2%

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### Local Demographics

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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