County Facts: Mitchell County, KS
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Mitchell County 2.7%, KS 3.6%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Mitchell County 12.8%, KS 13.1%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Mitchell County $48, KS $55, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Mitchell County 16%, KS 8%, United States 12%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Mitchell County 10%, KS 12%, United States 14%
- Farming share of workforce: Mitchell County 3.1%, KS 3.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Mitchell County 16%, KS 18%, United States 14%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Mitchell County 57%, KS 50%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Mitchell County 26%, KS 22%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Mitchell County 16%, KS 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Mitchell County 20%, KS 18%, United States 13%
- Percent landing in jail: Mitchell County 1.2%, KS 0.1%, United States 0.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Mitchell County $8.1, KS $6.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.6% (Kansas) vs. 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 48.4% (Kansas) vs. 51.3% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.0% (Kansas) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 31.9% (Kansas) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 3% (Mitchell County) vs. 7% (KS) vs. 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 6% (Mitchell County) vs. 11% (KS) vs. 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 13.2% (Mitchell County) vs. 13.0% (KS) vs. 21% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 15% (Mitchell County) vs. 21% (KS) vs. 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 40 (Mitchell County) vs. 34 (KS) vs. 76 (United States)
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