County Facts: Mohave County, AZ
Population 207,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
Mohave County 5.9% 4.8%
Az 4.4% 5.1%
United States 5.9%

Poverty rate
Mohave County 19.0% 7.7%
Az 15.1% 5.1%
United States 19.0%

Median family income (000s)
Mohave County $57 37%
Az $43 16%
United States $57 37%

Population growth 2000-2017
Mohave County 10%
Az 6%
United States 10%

Manufacturing share of workforce
Mohave County 1.6%
Az 7%
United States 1.6%

Farming share of workforce
Mohave County 1.7%
Az 4.7%
United States 1.7%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
Mohave County 7.0%
Az 6.8%
United States 7.0%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
Mohave County 46%
Az 41%
United States 46%

Percent reaching upper-middle class
Mohave County 20%
Az 17%
United States 20%

Percent achieving American Dream
Mohave County 8%
Az 9%
United States 8%

Percent giving birth as a teen
Mohave County 24%
Az 22%
United States 24%

Percent landing in jail
Mohave County 2.0%
Az 1.5%
United States 2.0%

Local school expenditure per student (000s)
Mohave County $6.4
Az $5.6
United States $6.4
Mohave County, AZ

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students:
- College Of Southern Nevada (public)†: 12.0%
- Arizona 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

Low-income student success rate:
- College Of Southern Nevada (public)†: 50.3%
- Arizona 4-year-college average: 51.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 50.3%

2-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students:
- Mohave CC (public): 23.5%
- Arizona 2-year-college average: 13.5%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

Low-income student success rate:
- Mohave CC (public): 13.5%
- Arizona 2-year-college average: 23.5%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 34.2%

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black: Mohave County 2%, AZ 14%, United States 17%

Percent Hispanic: Mohave County 17%, AZ 17%, United States 17%

Percent over age 65: Mohave County 3.8%, AZ 3.0%, United States 9%

Percent college grad: Mohave County 21%, AZ 21%, United States 9%

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Mohave County 122, AZ 97, United States 76

Life expectancy (years): Mohave County 83.3, AZ 83.2, United States 80.0

Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Mohave County 15, AZ 13, 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