### County Facts: Monongalia County, WV

**Population 105,000**

#### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**
  - Monongalia County: 3.7%
  - WV: 4.4%
  - United States: 5.2%

- **Poverty rate**
  - Monongalia County: 7.8%
  - WV: 5.1%
  - United States: 19.2%

- **Median family income (000s)**
  - Monongalia County: $48
  - WV: $43
  - United States: $57

- **Population growth 2000-2017**
  - Monongalia County: 0%
  - WV: 6%
  - United States: 16%

- **Manufacturing share of workforce**
  - Monongalia County: 15.1%
  - WV: 28%
  - United States: 3.7%

- **Farming share of workforce**
  - Monongalia County: 1.7%
  - WV: 28%
  - United States: 4.7%

- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**
  - Monongalia County: 1.8%
  - WV: 1.0%
  - United States: 1.0%

#### How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**
  - Monongalia County: 57%
  - WV: 57%
  - United States: 6.3%

- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**
  - Monongalia County: 45%
  - WV: 46%
  - United States: 6.4%

- **Percent achieving American Dream**
  - Monongalia County: 19%
  - WV: 20%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**
  - Monongalia County: 20%
  - WV: 17%
  - United States: 12%

- **Percent landing in jail**
  - Monongalia County: 1.5%
  - WV: 1.0%
  - United States: 0.8%

- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**
  - Monongalia County: $6.4
  - WV: $6.4
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 7.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 41.4%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 19.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

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**Notes**:
- W. Virginia Univ. (public)*
- West Virginia 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average
- West Virginia 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

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Local Demographics

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**Notes**:
- Monongalia County
- WV
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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