County Facts: Monroe County, MI
Population 150,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Monroe County 4.9%, MI 4.6%, United States 4.4%

Poverty rate: Monroe County 11.2%, MI 11.2%, United States 11.2%

Median family income (000s): Monroe County $59, MI $57, United States $53

Population growth 2000-2017: Monroe County 16%, MI 0%, United States 3%

Manufacturing share of workforce: Monroe County 20%, MI 10%, United States 10%

Farming share of workforce: Monroe County 1.7%, MI 1.4%, United States 1.4%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Monroe County 6.4%, MI 4.7%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Monroe County 44%, MI 46%, United States 46%

Percent reaching upper-middle class: Monroe County 22%, MI 20%, United States 20%

Percent achieving American Dream: Monroe County 10%, MI 10%, United States 10%

Percent giving birth as a teen: Monroe County 16%, MI 17%, United States 17%

Percent landing in jail: Monroe County 0.6%, MI 1.2%, United States 1.2%

Local school expenditure per student (000s): Monroe County $6.0, MI $6.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 3.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 6.3%
- Bowling Green State Univ. (public)†
- Michigan 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

**2-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 11.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 28.9%
- Monroe County CC (public)
- Michigan 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 3% Monroe County, MI, 14% United States
- Percent Hispanic: 3% Monroe County, MI, 14% United States
- Percent over age 65: 3% Monroe County, MI, 17% United States
- Percent college grad: 14% Monroe County, MI, 13.8% United States
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 21 Monroe County, MI, 55 United States
- Life expectancy (years): 82.3 Monroe County, MI, 83.2 United States
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 20 Monroe County, MI, 15 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