County Facts: Montgomery County, IL
Population 29,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Montgomery County 5.6%, IL 4.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Montgomery County 15.1%, IL 14.0%, United States 13.7%
- Median family income (000s): Montgomery County $60, IL $57, United States $53
- Population growth 2000-2017: Montgomery County 16%, IL 3%, United States -6%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Montgomery County 13%, IL 12%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Montgomery County 4.4%, IL 1.7%, United States 1.2%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Montgomery County 5.2%, IL 4.7%, United States 4.8%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Montgomery County 53%, IL 49%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Montgomery County 25%, IL 23%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Montgomery County 11%, IL 10%, United States 11%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Montgomery County 11%, IL 10%, United States 1.0%
- Percent landing in jail: Montgomery County 1.5%, IL 1.2%, United States 0.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Montgomery County $6.4, IL $5.7, United States $4.3

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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

Local Demographics

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<td>Percent over age 65</td>
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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