County Facts: Morrill County, NE
Population 5,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 2.9%
Poverty rate 12.3%
Median family income (000s) $47
Population growth 2000-2017 -11%
Manufacturing share of workforce 6%
Farming share of workforce 11.8%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 53%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 23%
Percent achieving American Dream 13%
Percent giving birth as a teen 0.5%
Percent landing in jail 0.9%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $6.4

Morrill County NE United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Chadron State College (public)† - 10.9%
  - Nebraska 4-year-college average - 5.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average - 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Chadron State College (public)† - 57.5%
  - Nebraska 4-year-college average - 50.4%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average - 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Western Nebraska CC (public)† - 15.7%
  - Nebraska 2-year-college average - 11.0%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average - 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: Western Nebraska CC (public)† - 33.3%
  - Nebraska 2-year-college average - 32.8%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average - 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Morrill County - 1%, NE - 5%, United States - 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Morrill County - 12%, NE - 10%, United States - 17%
- Percent over age 65: Morrill County - 19.5%, NE - 13.5%, United States - 13.0%
- Percent college grad: Morrill County - 21%, NE - 16%, United States - 20%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Morrill County - 76, NE - 76, United States - 76

*Morrill County, NE Katie Donnelly, Clancy Green, and Danny Yagan
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