County Facts: Natrona County, WY
Population 80,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.2% in Natrona County, 5.3% in Wyoming, 4.7% in the United States
Poverty rate: 11.3% in Natrona County, 11.3% in Wyoming, 11.3% in the United States
Median family income (000s): $60,000 in Natrona County, $59,000 in Wyoming, $57,000 in the United States
Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% in Natrona County, 17% in Wyoming, 16% in the United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 20% in Natrona County, 17% in Wyoming, 16% in the United States
Farming share of workforce: 10% in Natrona County, 3.3% in Wyoming, 3.4% in the United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% in Natrona County, 1.5% in Wyoming, 1.7% in the United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 43% in Natrona County, 46% in Wyoming, 47% in the United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 28% in Natrona County, 27% in Wyoming, 27% in the United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 17% in Natrona County, 17% in Wyoming, 17% in the United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% in Natrona County, 16% in Wyoming, 16% in the United States
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% in Natrona County, 1.1% in Wyoming, 1.5% in the United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 in Natrona County, $6.4 in Wyoming, $6.4 in the United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 10.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 2%
- Percent Hispanic: 10%
- Percent over age 65: 14%
- Percent college grad: 14%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 71
- Life expectancy (years): 83.0

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

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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