Located in Nelson County, KY, the local economy includes statistics on unemployment rate, poverty rate, median family income, population growth, manufacturing share of workforce, farming share of workforce, and the Great Recession unemployment spike.

Unemployment rate: 4.9% in Nelson County, 4.4% in KY, and 4.7% in the United States.
Poverty rate: 18.5% in Nelson County, 16% in KY, and 12% in the United States.
Median family income: $57,000 in Nelson County, $46,400 in KY, and $48,000 in the United States.
Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% in Nelson County, 16% in KY, and 15% in the United States.
Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% in Nelson County, 14% in KY, and 12% in the United States.
Farming share of workforce: 7.1% in Nelson County, 4.8% in KY, and 3.9% in the United States.
Great Recession unemployment spike: 4.7% in Nelson County, 4.7% in KY, and 4.1% in the United States.

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out:

- Percent graduating any college: 46% in Nelson County, 43% in KY, and 40% in the United States.
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 19% in Nelson County, 17% in KY, and 15% in the United States.
- Percent achieving American Dream: 8% in Nelson County, 7% in KY, and 6% in the United States.
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 1.5% in Nelson County, 1.4% in KY, and 1.3% in the United States.
- Percent landing in jail: 20% in Nelson County, 19% in KY, and 17% in the United States.
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 in Nelson County, $6.1 in KY, and $5.6 in the United States.
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 25.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Low-income share of students

- St. Catharine College†
- Kentucky 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Low-income student success rate

- Kentucky 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
- Percent Hispanic
- Percent over age 65
- Percent college grad
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Life expectancy (years)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)

- Nelson County
- KY
- United States

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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