County Facts: Nicollet County, MN
Population 34,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.5% (Nicollet County), 3.4% (MN), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 10.9% (Nicollet County), 13% (MN), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $65 (Nicollet County), $57 (MN), $55 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Nicollet County), 16% (MN), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 3.6% (Nicollet County), 2.8% (MN), 1.7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 14% (Nicollet County), 14% (MN), 3.2% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 10% (Nicollet County), 10% (MN), 3.0% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 55% (Nicollet County), 58% (MN), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 27% (Nicollet County), 29% (MN), 27% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15% (Nicollet County), 17% (MN), 20% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Nicollet County), 10% (MN), 8% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.6% (Nicollet County), 0.2% (MN), 0.2% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.6 (Nicollet County), $7.2 (MN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 7.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 45.9%

S. Central College (public)*

Minnesota 4-year-college average

U.S. 4-year-college average

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.2%

Minnesota 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)

Nicollet County
MN
United States
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