County Facts: Noble County, IN
Population 47,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Noble County 3.1%, IN 3.5%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Noble County 11.3%, IN 15.1%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Noble County $52, IN $52, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Noble County 2%, IN 10%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Noble County 36%, IN 19%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Noble County 2.8%, IN 1.3%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Noble County 1.15%, IN 5.8%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Noble County 45%, IN 46%, United States 36%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Noble County 20%, IN 20%, United States 17%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Noble County 10%, IN 8%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Noble County 22%, IN 21%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Noble County 1.6%, IN 1.5%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Noble County $6.7, IN $6.4, United States $6.3

- United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 4.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 5.4%
- Goshen College: 9.3%
- Indiana 4-year-college average: 51.9%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 14.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%
- Goshen College: 24.5%
- Indiana 2-year-college average: 32.9%
- 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: Noble County 1%, IN 10%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Noble County 5%, IN 6%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Noble County 12.5%, IN 13.0%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Noble County 10%, IN 17%, United States 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Noble County 64, IN 76, United States 76
- Life expectancy (years): Noble County 81.6, IN 82.0, United States 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Noble County 10, IN 18, United States 15

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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