Otter Tail County, MN

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County Facts: Otter Tail County, MN
Population 58,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.0% (Otter Tail County), 3.4% (MN), 2.8% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 10.2% (Otter Tail County), 10.9% (MN), 10.7% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $53 (Otter Tail County), $57 (MN), $65 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 2% (Otter Tail County), 12% (MN), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (Otter Tail County), 2.8% (MN), 2.8% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 15% (Otter Tail County), 1.7% (MN), 2.4% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Otter Tail County), 6.4% (MN), 1.5% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 56% (Otter Tail County), 55% (MN), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 29% (Otter Tail County), 25% (MN), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15% (Otter Tail County), 15% (MN), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Otter Tail County), 10% (MN), 3% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 10% (Otter Tail County), 10% (MN), 6% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.6 (Otter Tail County), $6.8 (MN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 7.8% (Otter Tail County), 6.5% (Minnesota State Comm And Tech College), 39.5% (Minnesota 4-year-college average), 45.9% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

- Low-income student success rate: 9.3% (Otter Tail County), 39.5% (Minnesota State Comm And Tech College), 15.6% (Minnesota 2-year-college average), 8.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.6% (Otter Tail County), 15.6% (Minnesota State Comm And Tech College), 24.2% (Minnesota 2-year-college average), 21% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

- Low-income student success rate: 14% (Otter Tail County), 21% (Minnesota State Comm And Tech College), 71 (Minnesota 2-year-college average), 84.4 (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Otter Tail County), 6% (Minnesota), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 3% (Otter Tail County), 5% (Minnesota), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 12.9% (Otter Tail County), 21% (Minnesota), 22% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 16% (Otter Tail County), 41 (Minnesota), 71 (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 84.4 (Otter Tail County), 76 (Minnesota), 84.4 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2 (Otter Tail County), 84.4 (Minnesota), 84.4 (United States)

* Otter Tail County
* MN
* United States
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