County Facts: Owsley County, KY
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 8.1% (Owsley County), 4.9% (KY), 4.4% (United States)
Poverty rate: 29.6% (Owsley County), 8.5% (KY), 5.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $57 (Owsley County), $46 (KY), $28 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Owsley County), 10% (KY), 4% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% (Owsley County), 10% (KY), 1.2% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Owsley County), 1.7% (KY), 3.9% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.8% (Owsley County), 4.7% (KY), 1% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 46% (Owsley County), 46% (KY), 43% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 17% (Owsley County), 10% (KY), 8% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (Owsley County), 20% (KY), 7% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 21% (Owsley County), 1.5% (KY), 1.4% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.6% (Owsley County), 1.5% (KY), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.1 (Owsley County), $6.4 (KY), $6.1 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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Local Demographics

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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
- BLS LAUS: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, from Yagan “Employment Hysteresis from the Great Reces-
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- NCES: National Center for Education Statistics Common Core of Data 1996-1997 Financial Survey data from 
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Colleges” 2018.
- Tax Data 3: Bergeron-Chetty-Cutler-Scuder-Stepner-Turner “Association between Income and Life Expectancy in 