County Facts: Perry County, IL
Population 21,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Perry County 5.9%, IL 4.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Perry County 19.5%, IL 14.0%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Perry County $40, IL $57, United States $60
- Population growth 2000-2017: Perry County -8%, IL 3%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Perry County 10%, IL 10%, United States 12%
- Farming share of workforce: Perry County 1.5%, IL 1.2%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Perry County 4.7%, IL 3.6%, United States 3.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Perry County 51%, IL 53%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Perry County 19%, IL 25%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Perry County 9%, IL 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Perry County 18%, IL 18%, United States 18%
- Percent landing in jail: Perry County 0.9%, IL 1.5%, United States 1.2%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Perry County $4.5, IL $5.7, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 6.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 16.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 19.9%

### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

- **Southern IL Univ. At Carbondale (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 8.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 54.2%

- **Illinois 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 51.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 44.5%

- **U.S. 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 54.2%
  - Low-income student success rate: 16.2%

- **John A. Logan College (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 30.3%

- **Illinois 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 13.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

- **U.S. 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 32.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 23.0%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Perry County 8%, IL 15%, United States 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Perry County 3%, IL 17%, United States 16%
- **Percent over age 65**: Perry County 12.5%, IL 13.0%, United States 17%
- **Percent college grad**: Perry County 23%, IL 21%, United States 17%
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Perry County 24, IL 17, United States 15
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