County Facts: Perry County, KY
Population 27,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Perry County 8.2%, KY 4.9%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Perry County 29.6%, KY 8.5%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Perry County $57, KY $46, United States $28
- Population growth 2000-2017: Perry County -10%, KY 10%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Perry County 29.6%, KY 18.5%, United States 15.1%
- Farming share of workforce: Perry County 4%, KY 1.2%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Perry County 1.7%, KY 1.7%, United States 4.8%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Perry County 45%, KY 43%, United States 13%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Perry County 46%, KY 17%, United States 5%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Perry County 20%, KY 7%, United States 15%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Perry County 10%, KY 21%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Perry County 1.5%, KY 1.4%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Perry County $6.7, KY $6.4, United States $6.1
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Kentucky 4-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 9.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

U.S. 4-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 38.4%

Kentucky 2-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 11.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 28.2%

U.S. 2-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black

- Perry County: 1%
- KY: 9%
- United States: 14%

Percent Hispanic

- Perry County: 1%
- KY: 3%
- United States: 17%

Percent over age 65

- Perry County: 13.3%
- KY: 13.0%
- United States: 13.4%

Percent college grad

- Perry County: 8%
- KY: 16%
- United States: 21%

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)

- Perry County: 23
- KY: 76
- United States: 80.4

Life expectancy (years)

- Perry County: 81.9
- KY: 72
- United States: 83.2

- Perry County
- KY
- 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