County Facts: Perry County, MO
Population 19,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate | Poverty rate | Median family income (000s) | Population growth 2000-2017 | Manufacturing share of workforce | Farming share of workforce | Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
2.7% | 3.8% | $47 | 6% | 11% | 10% | 1.5%
15.4% | 5.3% | $52 | 9% | 11% | 15% | 1.9%
4.4% | 5.1% | $57 | 16% | 6% | 4.0% | 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college | Percent reaching upper-middle class | Percent achieving American Dream | Percent giving birth as a teen | Percent landing in jail | Local school expenditure per student (000s)
---|---|---|---|---|---
47% | 46% | 11% | 10% | 1.1% | $4.8
22% | 19% | 20% | 20% | 1.5% | $5.9
45% | 19% | 8% | 19% | 1.1% | $6.4

Perry County | MO | United States
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 7.0% (Missouri) vs. 48.7% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3% (Missouri) vs. 51.3% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 17.2% (Missouri) vs. 13.0% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6% (Missouri) vs. 20.7% (U.S.)

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 4% (Perry County) vs. 12% (MO) vs. 14% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 1% (Perry County) vs. 4% (MO) vs. 17% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 15.6% (Perry County) vs. 13.0% (MO) vs. 19% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 21% (Perry County) vs. 9% (MO) vs. 18% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 88 (Perry County) vs. 76 (MO) vs. 88 (United States)

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county
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
- BLS LAUS: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, from Yagan “Employment Hysteresis from the Great Reces-
- 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