County Facts: Phillips County, CO
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 1.7% CO: 2.8% United States: 13.2%
Poverty rate: 1.7% CO: 15.1% United States: 12.2%
Median family income (000s): $50 CO: $65 United States: $57
Population growth 2000-2017: -4% CO: 30% United States: 16%
Manufacturing share of workforce: 8% CO: 10% United States: 7%
Farming share of workforce: 15.1% CO: 11.6% United States: 16%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% CO: 3.6% United States: 1.5%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 58% CO: 48% United States: 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 22% CO: 22% United States: 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: 15% CO: 11% United States: 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% CO: 13% United States: 10%
Percent landing in jail: 0.6% CO: 1.5% United States: 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 CO: $6.1 United States: $5.9
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 6.8% (Colorado) vs. 13.5% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 48.1% (Colorado) vs. 30.6% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 9.3% (Colorado) vs. 12.2% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Colorado) vs. 29.9% (U.S.)

Northeastern Junior College (public)

- Low-income share of students: 13.5% (Colorado) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 30.6% (Colorado) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 3% (Phillips County) vs. 14% (CO) vs. 3% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 5% (Phillips County) vs. 22% (CO) vs. 21% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Phillips County) vs. 20.7% (CO) vs. 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 12% (Phillips County) vs. 27% (CO) vs. 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 36 (Phillips County) vs. 93 (CO) vs. 76 (United States)
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