County Facts: Rice County, MN
Population 66,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.2% (Rice County), 3.4% (MN), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 9.7% (Rice County), 10.9% (MN), 14% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $67 (Rice County), $65 (MN), $67 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Rice County), 13% (MN), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 4.4% (Rice County), 4.9% (MN), 4.7% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 17% (Rice County), 10% (MN), 14% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.1% (Rice County), 2.8% (MN), 3.8% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 52% (Rice County), 55% (MN), 55% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 27% (Rice County), 29% (MN), 29% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 14% (Rice County), 15% (MN), 15% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Rice County), 10% (MN), 10% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 0.4% (Rice County), 0.6% (MN), 0.6% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.6 (Rice County), $7.6 (MN), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Saint Olaf College: 1.9%
  - Minnesota 4-year-college average: 6.5%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Saint Olaf College: 45.9%
  - Minnesota 4-year-college average: 51.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 62.1%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Saint Olaf College: 8.6%
  - Minnesota 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 24.2%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Saint Olaf College: 22%
  - Minnesota 2-year-college average: 21%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 17%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
  - Rice County: 3%
  - MN: 6%
  - United States: 14%

- Percent Hispanic
  - Rice County: 6%
  - MN: 5%
  - United States: 17%

- Percent over age 65
  - Rice County: 12.3%
  - MN: 12.9%
  - United States: 13%

- Percent college grad
  - Rice County: 18%
  - MN: 22%
  - United States: 22%

- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
  - Rice County: 59
  - MN: 71
  - United States: 76

- Life expectancy (years)
  - Rice County: 83.2
  - MN: 84.4
  - United States: 84.8
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