County Facts: Richardson County, NE
Population 8,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.3% Richardson County, 2.9% NE, 1.7% United States
Poverty rate: 12.3% Richardson County, 10.9% NE, 12.3% United States
Median family income (000s): $45 Richardson County, $56 NE, $57 United States
Population growth 2000-2017: -16% Richardson County, 12% NE, 16% United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: 14% Richardson County, 11% NE, 10% United States
Farming share of workforce: 9.2% Richardson County, 5.1% NE, 1.7% United States
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% Richardson County, 1.6% NE, 4.7% United States

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 59% Richardson County, 54% NE, 46% United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% Richardson County, 22% NE, 20% United States
Percent achieving American Dream: 14% Richardson County, 13% NE, 10% United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: 15% Richardson County, 14% NE, 15% United States
Percent landing in jail: 20% Richardson County, 0.9% NE, 0.6% United States
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 Richardson County, $6.4 NE, $6.0 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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

Local Demographics

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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 25<sup>th</sup>-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