County Facts: Richland County, IL
Population 16,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.7% (Richland County), 4.9% (IL), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.7% (Richland County), 4.9% (IL), 4.4% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $45 (Richland County), $60 (IL), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -2% (Richland County), 3% (IL), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 19% (Richland County), 12% (IL), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 5.7% (Richland County), 1.7% (IL), 4.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.2% (Richland County), 1.7% (IL), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 53% (Richland County), 53% (IL), 53% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 46% (Richland County), 21% (IL), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (Richland County), 9% (IL), 9% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Richland County), 18% (IL), 19% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.0% (Richland County), 1.2% (IL), 1.2% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.1 (Richland County), $5.7 (IL), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Illinois 4-year-college average 8.0%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Illinois 4-year-college average 51.3%, U.S. 4-year-college average 54.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Illinois 2-year-college average 16.9%, U.S. 2-year-college average 30.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Illinois 2-year-college average 13.1%, U.S. 2-year-college average 23.3%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Richland County 4%, IL 15%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Richland County 2%, IL 16%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Richland County 12.5%, IL 13.0%, United States 13%
- Percent college grad: Richland County 11%, IL 23%, United States 21%
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