County Facts: Roosevelt County, MT
Population 11,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Roosevelt County 4.7%, MT 4.0%, United States 4.4%
Poverty rate: Roosevelt County 15.2%, MT 13.0%, United States 15.1%
Median family income (000s): Roosevelt County $55, MT $50, United States $57
Population growth 2000-2017: Roosevelt County 4%, MT 4%, United States 4%
Manufacturing share of workforce: Roosevelt County 16%, MT 16%, United States 16%
Farming share of workforce: Roosevelt County 10%, MT 9.3%, United States 5.7%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Roosevelt County 1.4%, MT 1.7%, United States 3.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Roosevelt County 41%, MT 46%, United States 48%
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Roosevelt County 19%, MT 21%, United States 20%
Percent achieving American Dream: Roosevelt County 14%, MT 12%, United States 14%
Percent giving birth as a teen: Roosevelt County 0.5%, MT 0.9%, United States 1.5%
Percent landing in jail: Roosevelt County 10%, MT 14%, United States 17%
Local school expenditure per student (000s): Roosevelt County $5.5, MT $6.4, United States $7.0
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 8.7% (Montana 4-year-college average), 16.9% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 41.2% (Montana 4-year-college average), 26.2% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 16.9% (Montana 2-year-college average), 21% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6% (Montana 2-year-college average), 15% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% (Roosevelt County), 1% (MT), 1% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 4% (Roosevelt County), 3% (MT), 3% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 10.8% (Roosevelt County), 13% (MT), 13% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 15% (Roosevelt County), 21% (MT), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 71 (Roosevelt County), 76 (MT), 5 (United States)

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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 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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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