County Facts: Saguache County, CO
Population 7,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 4.4% 4.4% 22.1%
Poverty rate 2.8% 12.2% 15.1%
Median family income (000s) $34 $57 $65
Population growth 2000-2017 12% 16% 30%
Manufacturing share of workforce 4% 7% 10%
Farming share of workforce 10% 10.4% 15.1%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 1.6% 1.7% 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 48% 47% 46%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 22% 20% 14%
Percent achieving American Dream 11% 9% 20%
Percent landing in jail 1.6% 1.5% 1.5%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $8.3 $6.4 $6.1

Saguache County CO United States

Percent giving birth as a teen 21% 20% 20%
Percent achieving American Dream 9% 17% 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen 20% 20% 20%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $8.3 $6.4 $6.1

Saguache County CO United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Adams State Univ. (public)† 12.9%, Colorado 4-year-college average 6.8%, U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: Adams State Univ. (public)† 41.0%, Colorado 4-year-college average 48.1%, U.S. 4-year-college average 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: Adams State Univ. (public)† 12.2%, Colorado 2-year-college average 15.6%, U.S. 2-year-college average 29.9%
- Low-income student success rate: Adams State Univ. (public)† 27%, Colorado 2-year-college average 21%, U.S. 2-year-college average 47

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Saguache County 1%, CO 5%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Saguache County 42%, CO 17%, United States 14.6%
- Percent over age 65: Saguache County 10.9%, CO 15%, United States 21%
- Percent college grad: Saguache County 27%, CO 21%, United States 47
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Saguache County 76, CO 93, United States 76

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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
- 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