County Facts: Sawyer County, WI  
Population 16,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.7%  
Poverty rate: 3.3%  
Median family income (000s): $56  
Population growth 2000-2017: 16%  
Manufacturing share of workforce: 4.4%  
Farming share of workforce: 3.5%  
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 41%  
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 15%  
Percent achieving American Dream: 7%  
Percent giving birth as a teen: 18%  
Percent landing in jail: 1.5%  
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 4.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%
- Wisconsin 4-year-college average: 4.7%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.6%
- Wisconsin Indianhead Tech College (public): 11.8%
- Wisconsin 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 26.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 1% Sawyer County, 2% WI, 0% United States
- Percent Hispanic: 6% Sawyer County, 6% WI, 0% United States
- Percent over age 65: 14% Sawyer County, 17% WI, 20.7% United States
- Percent college grad: 20.7% Sawyer County, 21% WI, 20% United States
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76 Sawyer County, 0 WI, 0 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
- 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