County Facts: Schenectady County, NY
Population 156,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.7% (Schenectady County), 4.4% (NY), 4.5% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 15.4% (Schenectady County), 15.1% (NY), 11.8% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $62 (Schenectady County), $57 (NY), $56 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Schenectady County), 5% (NY), 6% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Schenectady County), 6% (NY), 5% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 0.7% (Schenectady County), 0.4% (NY), 0.4% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 3.8% (Schenectady County), 3.0% (NY), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 60% (Schenectady County), 57% (NY), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 28% (Schenectady County), 25% (NY), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 14% (Schenectady County), 12% (NY), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Schenectady County), 14% (NY), 11% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Schenectady County), 1.1% (NY), 0.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $9.6 (Schenectady County), $8.6 (NY), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Union College of Schenectady, NY
  - Low-income share of students: 4.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

- New York 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 13.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 34.2%

- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 13.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 83.2%

2-Year Colleges

- Schenectady County CC (public)
  - Low-income share of students: 14.0%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

- New York 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 19.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 83.3%

- U.S. 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 83.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Schenectady County: 12%, NY: 14%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Schenectady County: 7%, NY: 7%, United States: 7%
- Percent over age 65: Schenectady County: 17%, NY: 17%, United States: 17%
- Percent college grad: Schenectady County: 23%, NY: 21%, United States: 21%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10k residents): Schenectady County: 76, NY: 75, United States: 75
- Life expectancy (years): Schenectady County: 83.3, NY: 83.9, United States: 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Schenectady County: 16, NY: 15, United States: 15

- Schenectady County
- NY
- United States
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