County Facts: Scotts Bluff County, NE
Population 36,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.4% (Scotts Bluff County), 2.9% (NE), 4.7% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 11.2% (Scotts Bluff County), 12.3% (NE), 5.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $47 (Scotts Bluff County), $56 (NE), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% (Scotts Bluff County), 15.1% (NE), 1.6% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 12% (Scotts Bluff County), 11% (NE), 6% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 10% (Scotts Bluff County), 11.8% (NE), 1.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 11% (Scotts Bluff County), 8% (NE), 11% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 45% (Scotts Bluff County), 46% (NE), 45% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 11% (Scotts Bluff County), 10% (NE), 11% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 21% (Scotts Bluff County), 20% (NE), 21% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 2% (Scotts Bluff County), 1.0% (NE), 1.0% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Scotts Bluff County), 0.9% (NE), 0.9% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.4 (Scotts Bluff County), $6.6 (NE), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students: 10.9% (Chadron State College (public)†), 5.2% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 50.4% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

Low-income student success rate: 9.3% (Chadron State College (public)†), 57.5% (Nebraska 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

Low-income share of students: 15.7% (Western Nebraska CC (public)), 11.0% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 33.3% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

Low-income student success rate: 15.6% (Western Nebraska CC (public)), 15.6% (Nebraska 2-year-college average), 32.9% (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% (Scotts Bluff County), 5% (NE), 14% (United States)

Percent Hispanic: 12% (Scotts Bluff County), 10% (NE), 17% (United States)

Percent over age 65: 13.5% (Scotts Bluff County), 13.0% (NE), 16% (United States)

Percent college grad: 21% (Scotts Bluff County), 20% (NE), 89% (United States)

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 76 (Scotts Bluff County), 76 (NE), 83.1 (United States)

Life expectancy (years): 83.4 (Scotts Bluff County), 83.4 (NE), 83.2 (United States)
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