County Facts: Seward County, NE
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 2.7% (Seward County), 2.9% (NE), 3.1% (United States)
Poverty rate: 10.9% (Seward County), 12.3% (NE), 12.7% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $45 (Seward County), $56 (NE), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 4% (Seward County), 12% (NE), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 11% (Seward County), 10% (NE), 9.2% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Seward County), 1.6% (NE), 1.6% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Seward County), 1.6% (NE), 1.6% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 66% (Seward County), 54% (NE), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 28% (Seward County), 25% (NE), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 17% (Seward County), 13% (NE), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Seward County), 14% (NE), 12% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 0.5% (Seward County), 0.9% (NE), 0.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 (Seward County), $6.2 (NE), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Concordia U of Seward, NE
  - Low-income share of students: 4.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 54.1%
- Nebraska 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 9.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 57.5%
- U.S. 4-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 51.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 54.1%

2-Year Colleges

- Southeast CC (public)†
  - Low-income share of students: 7.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 11.0%
- Nebraska 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.8%
- U.S. 2-year-college average
  - Low-income share of students: 32.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Seward County 1%, NE 5%, United States 5%
- Percent Hispanic: Seward County 6%, NE 10%, United States 13.5%
- Percent over age 65: Seward County 13.0%, NE 15%, United States 20%
- Percent college grad: Seward County 23, NE 76, United States 76
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Seward County 3, NE 3, United States 15
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Seward County 3, NE 3, United States 15

- Seward County
- NE
- 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