County Facts: Sheridan County, KS
Population 3,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Sheridan County 2.3%, KS 3.6%, United States 4.7%
- Poverty rate: Sheridan County 10.5%, KS 13.1%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Sheridan County $48, KS $55, United States $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: Sheridan County -10%, KS 8%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Sheridan County 6%, KS 10%, United States 12%
- Farming share of workforce: Sheridan County 12.2%, KS 3.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Sheridan County 2.6%, KS 0.4%, United States 2.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Sheridan County 69%, KS 50%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Sheridan County 22%, KS 22%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Sheridan County 18%, KS 11%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Sheridan County 4%, KS 4%, United States 0%
- Percent landing in jail: Sheridan County 1.5%, KS 1.2%, United States 1.2%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Sheridan County $7.2, KS $6.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 48.4%
- Kansas 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%
- Colby CC (public)*: 13.1%
- Kansas 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 34.6%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 13.0%
- Kansas 4-year-college average: 11.8%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 31.9%
- Kansas 2-year-college average: 34.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 2% (Sheridan County), 7% (KS), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 6% (Sheridan County), 11% (KS), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 13.2% (Sheridan County), 13.0% (KS), 22.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 18% (Sheridan County), 21% (KS), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 14 (Sheridan County), 34 (KS), 76 (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