County Facts: Sherman County, NE
Population 3,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.9% for Sherman County, 2.9% for NE, 2.3% for United States
- Poverty rate: 13.5% for Sherman County, 12.3% for NE, 12.3% for United States
- Median family income (000s): $55 for Sherman County, $56 for NE, $57 for United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: -7% for Sherman County, -12% for NE, -16% for United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% for Sherman County, 15% for NE, 8.5% for United States
- Farming share of workforce: 15% for Sherman County, 11% for NE, 5.1% for United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 12% for Sherman County, 12% for NE, 16% for United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 54% for Sherman County, 46% for NE, 46% for United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% for Sherman County, 25% for NE, 25% for United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 21% for Sherman County, 13% for NE, 16% for United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 14% for Sherman County, 10% for NE, 14% for United States
- Percent landing in jail: 0.0% for Sherman County, 0.9% for NE, 0.0% for United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.2 for Sherman County, $6.4 for NE, $7.2 for United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 11.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.8%

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*Nebraska 4-year-college average* | *U.S. 4-year-college average* | *Nebraska 2-year-college average* | *U.S. 2-year-college average*
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9.3% | 57.5% | 15.6% | 32.9%
5.2% | 51.3% | 11.0% | 32.8%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 2%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 16%
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.5%
- **Percent college grad**: 20%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 76

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*Sherman County* | *NE* | *United States*
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2% | 5% | 10% | 13.5% | 14% | 18 | 76 | 76

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**Percent Black** | **Percent Hispanic** | **Percent over age 65** | **Percent college grad** | **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
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