County Facts: Sioux County, IA
Population 35,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 2.0% (Sioux County), 3.1% (IA), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 9.2% (Sioux County), 12.4% (IA), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $56 (Sioux County), $56 (IA), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 10% (Sioux County), 7% (IA), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 15% (Sioux County), 10% (IA), 17% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 4.3% (Sioux County), 1.7% (IA), 2.8% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 9.2% (Sioux County), 7% (IA), 15% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 61% (Sioux County), 55% (IA), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 32% (Sioux County), 26% (IA), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 21% (Sioux County), 14% (IA), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Sioux County), 14% (IA), 8% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Sioux County), 0.7% (IA), 0.2% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Sioux County), $6.1 (IA), $6.0 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Dordt College: 3.8%
  - Iowa 4-year-college average: 9.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 4.6%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Dordt College: 22.7%
  - Iowa 4-year-college average: 58.1%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students:
  - Northwest Iowa CC (public): 7.2%
  - Iowa 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 43.3%

- Low-income student success rate:
  - Northwest Iowa CC (public): 32.8%
  - Iowa 2-year-college average: 32.9%
  - 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: Sioux County: 1%, IA: 6%, United States: 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Sioux County: 4%, IA: 6%, United States: 17%
- Percent over age 65: Sioux County: 13.0%, IA: 19%, United States: 21%
- Percent college grad: Sioux County: 39, IA: 66, United States: 76
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Sioux County: 85.3, IA: 83.3, United States: 83.2
- Life expectancy (years): Sioux County: 83.2, IA: 83.3, United States: 83.3
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