County Facts: Somerset County, ME
Population 51,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.8% (Somerset County), 4.4% (ME), 3.3% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 17.9% (Somerset County), 13.7% (ME), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Somerset County), $52 (ME), $45 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Somerset County), 5% (ME), -0% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 12% (Somerset County), 9% (ME), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 3.9% (Somerset County), 3.0% (ME), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Somerset County), 3.4% (ME), 3.4% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 49% (Somerset County), 46% (ME), 43% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Somerset County), 20% (ME), 16% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Somerset County), 10% (ME), 9% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 15% (Somerset County), 11% (ME), 10% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.7% (Somerset County), 1.2% (ME), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.8 (Somerset County), $6.4 (ME), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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<td>Colby College†</td>
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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

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<td>Percent over age 65</td>
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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