County Facts: Stanton County, NE
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 2.8% (Stanton County), 2.9% (NE), 2.3% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 12.6% (Stanton County), 12.3% (NE), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $52 (Stanton County), $56 (NE), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -7% (Stanton County), 12% (NE), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 19% (Stanton County), 8.1% (NE), 11% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 16% (Stanton County), 17% (NE), 1.6% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 5.1% (Stanton County), 1.1% (NE), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 56% (Stanton County), 54% (NE), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% (Stanton County), 21% (NE), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 18% (Stanton County), 13% (NE), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Stanton County), 14% (NE), 12% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 0.7% (Stanton County), 0.9% (NE), 0.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.7 (Stanton County), $6.6 (NE), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Stanton County: 5.2%
  - Nebraska 4-year-college average: 9.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 57.5%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Stanton County: 51.3%
  - Nebraska 4-year-college average: 13.2%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 11.0%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Northeast CC (public)†: 13.2%
  - Nebraska 2-year-college average: 15.6%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 35.9%

- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Northeast CC (public)†: 32.8%
  - Nebraska 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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black:**
  - Stanton County: 2%
  - NE: 5%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic:**
  - Stanton County: 14%
  - NE: 15%
  - United States: 17%

- **Percent over age 65:**
  - Stanton County: 14.1%
  - NE: 13.5%
  - United States: 13.0%

- **Percent college grad:**
  - Stanton County: 13.0%
  - NE: 14%
  - United States: 20%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):**
  - Stanton County: 76
  - NE: 76
  - United States: 34

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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