County Facts: Stark County, OH
Population 373,000

The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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<td>Local school expenditure per student (000s)</td>
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 4.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 27.9%

#### Data Sources

- **U of Mount Union**
- **Ohio 4-year-college average**
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
- **Stark State College (public)**
- **Ohio 2-year-college average**
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Stark County - 14%, OH - 14%, United States - 9%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Stark County - 2%, OH - 3%, United States - 2%
- **Percent over age 65**: Stark County - 17%, OH - 16.2%, United States - 16%
- **Percent college grad**: Stark County - 21%, OH - 19%, United States - 16%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Stark County - 52, OH - 68, United States - 82.4
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Stark County - 82.8, OH - 82.4, United States - 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Stark County - 24, OH - 24, United States - 37

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- 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