County Facts: Stephenson County, IL
Population 45,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.6% (Stephenson County), 4.4% (IL), 4.9% (United States)

Poverty rate: 14.1% (Stephenson County), 4.0% (IL), 14.1% (United States)

Median family income (000s): $51 (Stephenson County), $57 (IL), $60 (United States)

Population growth 2000-2017: 3% (Stephenson County), -8% (IL), 16% (United States)

Manufacturing share of workforce: 12% (Stephenson County), 10% (IL), 19% (United States)

Farming share of workforce: 1.7% (Stephenson County), 1.2% (IL), 5.2% (United States)

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 7.5% (Stephenson County), 5.2% (IL), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 46% (Stephenson County), 46% (IL), 53% (United States)

Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21% (Stephenson County), 25% (IL), 20% (United States)

Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Stephenson County), 10% (IL), 20% (United States)

Percent giving birth as a teen: 18% (Stephenson County), 1.1% (IL), 1.5% (United States)

Percent landing in jail: 1.2% (Stephenson County), 1.1% (IL), 0.8% (United States)

Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.8 (Stephenson County), $5.7 (IL), $6.4 (United States)
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.3%

Northern IL Univ. (public)†
- **Low-income share of students**: 12.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

Illinois 4-year-college average
- **Low-income share of students**: 13.1%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 13.1%

U.S. 4-year-college average
- **Low-income share of students**: 14.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 57.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

Northern IL Univ. (public)†
- **Low-income share of students**: 54.2%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 13.1%

Illinois 2-year-college average
- **Low-income share of students**: 30.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 25.6%

U.S. 2-year-college average
- **Low-income share of students**: 32.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 30.3%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 6%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 7%
- **Percent over age 65**: 12.5%
- **Percent college grad**: 14%
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 82.6
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 17

Northern IL Univ. (public)
- **Percent Black**: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 16%
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: 21%
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 82.9
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 17

Illinois 4-year-college average
- **Percent Black**: 15%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 16%
- **Percent over age 65**: 17%
- **Percent college grad**: 23%
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: 26
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