County Facts: Sullivan County, NY
Population 75,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Sullivan County 4.9%, NY 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Sullivan County 14.8%, NY 15.1%, United States 14.8%
- Median family income (000s): Sullivan County $55, NY $57, United States $62
- Population growth 2000-2017: Sullivan County 2%, NY 5%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Sullivan County 6%, NY 6%, United States 6%
- Farming share of workforce: Sullivan County 10%, NY 10%, United States 15.4%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Sullivan County 1.3%, NY 0.7%, United States 3.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Sullivan County 48%, NY 46%, United States 21%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Sullivan County 21%, NY 20%, United States 14%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Sullivan County 13%, NY 14%, United States 20%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Sullivan County 14%, NY 14%, United States 10%
- Percent landing in jail: Sullivan County 1.2%, NY 0.9%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Sullivan County $10.3, NY $9.6, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- State U of New York At New Paltz (public)*
- New York 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 9.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 58.6%

2-Year Colleges

- Sullivan County CC - SUNY (public)
- New York 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

- Low-income share of students: 27.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 19.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Sullivan County - 10%, NY - 14%, United States - 16%
- Percent Hispanic: Sullivan County - 14%, NY - 17%, United States - 18%
- Percent over age 65: Sullivan County - 3.5%, NY - 13.0%, United States - 14.8%
- Percent college grad: Sullivan County - 19%, NY - 21%, United States - 25%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Sullivan County - 75, NY - 76, United States - 83.9
- Life expectancy (years): Sullivan County - 82.2, NY - 83.2, United States - 83.2
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): Sullivan County - 16, NY - 15, United States - 15

Sullivan County, NY

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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 employment 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