**County Facts: Sweetwater County, WY**
Population 44,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: Sweetwater County 4.6%, WY 4.4%, United States 4.2%
- **Poverty rate**: Sweetwater County 12.3%, WY 1.3%, United States 1.3%
- **Median family income (000s)**: Sweetwater County $59, WY $57, United States $55
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: Sweetwater County 17%, WY 16%, United States 16%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: Sweetwater County 10%, WY 4%, United States 4%
- **Farming share of workforce**: Sweetwater County 3.4%, WY 1.7%, United States 1.7%

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: Sweetwater County 47%, WY 46%, United States 43%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: Sweetwater County 32%, WY 27%, United States 20%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: Sweetwater County 22%, WY 17%, United States 10%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: Sweetwater County 20%, WY 16%, United States 10%
- **Percent landing in jail**: Sweetwater County 1.5%, WY 1.1%, United States 1.1%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: Sweetwater County $7.1, WY $6.8, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**
  - Wyoming 4-year-college average: 5.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Wyoming 4-year-college average: 51.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 55.5%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**
  - Wyoming 2-year-college average: 9.7%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 12.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Wyoming 2-year-college average: 32.9%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 33.2%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Sweetwater County: 1%
  - WY: 2%
  - United States: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Sweetwater County: 10%
  - WY: 10%
  - United States: 17%
- **Percent over age 65**
  - Sweetwater County: 8.3%
  - WY: 12.4%
  - United States: 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**
  - Sweetwater County: 14%
  - WY: 18%
  - United States: 21%
- **Crime rate**
  - Arrests per 10K residents
  - Sweetwater County: 71
  - WY: 76
  - United States: 82.8
- **Life expectancy** (years)
  - Sweetwater County: 83.2
  - WY: 83.0
  - United States: 83.0
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