County Facts: Union County, OH
Population 57,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.7%, 5.0%, 4.4%
- Poverty rate: 10.0%, 15.4%, 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): $65, $52, $57
- Population growth 2000-2017: 38%, 3%, 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 15%, 15%
- Farming share of workforce: 2.1%, 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.9%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 40%, 47%, 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21%, 20%, 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10%, 8%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 17%, 18%
- Percent landing in jail: 0.8%, 1.3%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.7, $6.1, $6.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Franklin Univ.† 13.5%  
  - Ohio 4-year-college average 6.0%  
  - U.S. 4-year-college average 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Franklin Univ.† 47.5%  
  - Ohio 4-year-college average 43.6%  
  - U.S. 4-year-college average 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: Columbus State CC (public)† 15.6%  
  - Ohio 2-year-college average 9.9%  
  - U.S. 2-year-college average 12.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: Columbus State CC (public)† 30.9%  
  - Ohio 2-year-college average 25.8%  
  - U.S. 2-year-college average 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Union County 5%  
  - OH 14%  
  - United States 14.1%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Union County 2%  
  - OH 3%  
  - United States 9.5%
- **Percent over age 65**: Union County 17%  
  - OH 15%  
  - United States 14.1%
- **Percent college grad**: Union County 21%  
  - OH 19%  
  - United States 14.1%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Union County 44  
  - OH 68  
  - United States 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Union County 82.8  
  - OH 82.4  
  - United States 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: Union County 18  
  - OH 15  
  - United States 15

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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