County Facts: Valley County, MT
Population 7,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 3.3% Valley County, 4.0% MT, 4.7% United States
- Poverty rate: 13.0% Valley County, 15.2% MT, 16.1% United States
- Median family income (000s): $55 Valley County, $50 MT, $57 United States
- Population growth 2000-2017: 15.2% Valley County, 16% MT, 16.1% United States
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 5% Valley County, 4% MT, 3% United States
- Farming share of workforce: 9.3% Valley County, 10% MT, 10% United States
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% Valley County, 1.7% MT, 1.7% United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 52% Valley County, 48% MT, 46% United States
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 26% Valley County, 21% MT, 20% United States
- Percent achieving American Dream: 15% Valley County, 14% MT, 10% United States
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 15% Valley County, 14% MT, 10% United States
- Percent landing in jail: 3% Valley County, 2% MT, 1.5% United States
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.4 Valley County, $5.5 MT, $6.4 United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>4-Year Colleges</th>
<th>2-Year Colleges</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Low-income share of students</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
<td>16.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low-income student success rate</td>
<td>41.2%</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Montana 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 9.3%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 16.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

**Montana 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.2%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share of students: 32.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.2%

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

Local Demographics

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Valley County</th>
<th>MT</th>
<th>United States</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Percent Black</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent Hispanic</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent over age 65</td>
<td>14.8%</td>
<td>13.0%</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent college grad</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>21%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Blue: Valley County
- Light blue: MT
- Tan: United States
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