County Facts: Walsh County, ND
Population 11,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 3.3% (Walsh County), 2.6% (ND), 1.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 15.1% (Walsh County), 15% (ND), 11.7% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $60 (Walsh County), $57 (ND), $51 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 15.1% (Walsh County), 15% (ND), 11% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 18% (Walsh County), 16% (ND), 7% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 10% (Walsh County), 8.8% (ND), 6% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Walsh County), 3.4% (ND), 1.1% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 53% (Walsh County), 58% (ND), 52% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 46% (Walsh County), 32% (ND), 31% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 20% (Walsh County), 10% (ND), 8% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Walsh County), 12% (ND), 6% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1% (Walsh County), 0.7% (ND), 0.6% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.1 (Walsh County), $5.1 (ND), $5.2 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 6.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 12.8%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

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**North Dakota 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share: 9.3%
- Low-income success rate: 57.6%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- Low-income share: 15.6%
- Low-income success rate: 46.6%

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**North Dakota 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share: 12.8%
- Low-income success rate: 46.6%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- Low-income share: 15.6%
- Low-income success rate: 32.9%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Walsh County 3%, ND 3%, United States 4%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Walsh County 4%, ND 3%, United States 3%
- **Percent over age 65**: Walsh County 14%, ND 3%, United States 17%
- **Percent college grad**: Walsh County 14.5%, ND 13.0%, United States 19%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Walsh County 21%, ND 20%, United States 21%

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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