County Facts: Wasco County, OR
Population 26,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.1% (Wasco County), 4.1% (OR), 4.1% (United States)
Poverty rate: 15.8% (Wasco County), 5.6% (OR), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $56 (Wasco County), $57 (OR), $57 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 4.4% (Wasco County), 11% (OR), 11% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 21% (Wasco County), 10% (OR), 10% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 16% (Wasco County), 3.9% (OR), 3.9% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 16% (Wasco County), 11% (OR), 11% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 44% (Wasco County), 45% (OR), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Wasco County), 20% (OR), 20% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 11% (Wasco County), 10% (OR), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% (Wasco County), 15% (OR), 15% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Wasco County), 0.8% (OR), 0.8% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.6 (Wasco County), $6.4 (OR), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 6.2% (Oregon), 9.3% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.9% (Oregon), 51.3% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 14.3% (Oregon), 12.4% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 46.1% (Oregon), 28.6% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

Percent Black
- Wasco County: 1%
- OR: 3%
- United States: 14%

Percent Hispanic
- Wasco County: 13%
- OR: 13%
- United States: 19%

Percent over age 65
- Wasco County: 17.6%
- OR: 13.9%
- United States: 13.0%

Percent college grad
- Wasco County: 22%
- OR: 14%
- United States: 14%

Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Wasco County: 101
- OR: 97
- United States: 76
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