County Facts: Washington County, CO
Population 5,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 1.9% (Washington County), 2.8% (CO), 3.6% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 13.2% (Washington County), 12.2% (CO), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $50 (Washington County), $57 (CO), $65 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 0% (Washington County), 16% (CO), 15.1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Washington County), 11.6% (CO), 1.5% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 1.6% (Washington County), 1.7% (CO), 1.5% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 3.6% (Washington County), 4.7% (CO), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 58% (Washington County), 48% (CO), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 22% (Washington County), 20% (CO), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 17% (Washington County), 11% (CO), 14% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Washington County), 17% (CO), 17% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 2.4% (Washington County), 1.5% (CO), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $8.1 (Washington County), $6.1 (CO), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 6.8% (Colorado 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 48.1% (Colorado 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 13.5% (Northeastern Junior College (public)), 12.2% (Colorado 2-year-college average), 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 30.6% (Northeastern Junior College (public)), 29.9% (Colorado 2-year-college average), 32.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 3% (Washington County), 5% (CO), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Washington County), 10.9% (CO), 22% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 13% (Washington County), 13.0% (CO), 19.3% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 27% (Washington County), 21% (CO), 27% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 8 (Washington County), 76 (CO), 93 (United States)
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