County Facts: Washington County, MD
Population 151,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
Poverty rate
Median family income (000s)
Population growth 2000-2017
Manufacturing share of workforce
Farming share of workforce
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)

Washington County MD United States

4.6% 4.1% 4.4% 15.1% $78 16% 9% 4.7%
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How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
Percent reaching upper-middle class
Percent achieving American Dream
Percent giving birth as a teen
Percent landing in jail
Local school expenditure per student (000s)

Washington County MD United States

50% 46% 21% 20% 10% 10% 18% 18% 10% 10% 18% 18% 20% 20% 1.5% 1.5% 1.6% 1.5% 1.5% 1.5% $6.3 $6.4 $7.2 $6.3 $6.4 $7.2

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Local school expenditure per student (000s)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Shepherd Univ. (public)†
- Maryland 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

2-Year Colleges
- Hagerstown CC (public)
- Maryland 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

Low-income share of students
- 7.3%
- 9.9%
- 9.3%
- 38.5%
- 54.5%
- 51.3%

Low-income student success rate
- 8.9%
- 10.3%
- 15.6%
- 37.0%
- 38.5%
- 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
- Percent Hispanic
- Percent over age 65
- Percent college grad
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Life expectancy (years)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)

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- MD
- 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