County Facts: Washington County, OH
Population 60,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Washington County 6.2%, OH 5.0%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Washington County 15.8%, OH 5.4%, United States 5.1%
- Median family income (000s): Washington County $57, OH $52, United States $42
- Population growth 2000-2017: Washington County 3%, OH 4%, United States 5%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Washington County 16%, OH 15%, United States 15%
- Farming share of workforce: Washington County 15%, OH 10%, United States 0.9%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Washington County 4.7%, OH 3.1%, United States 1.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Washington County 46%, OH 47%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Washington County 20%, OH 20%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Washington County 9%, OH 10%, United States 8%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Washington County 16%, OH 18%, United States 16%
- Percent landing in jail: Washington County 1.3%, OH 0.7%, United States 0.7%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Washington County $4.9, OH $6.1, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Marietta College: 4.8%
  - Ohio 4-year-college average: 6.0%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Marietta College: 43.6%
  - Ohio 4-year-college average: 51.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 61.4%

**2-Year Colleges**

- **Low-income share of students**
  - Washington State CC (public): 15.4%
  - Ohio 2-year-college average: 12.4%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- **Low-income student success rate**
  - Washington State CC (public): 26.0%
  - Ohio 2-year-college average: 25.8%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Washington County: 3%
  - OH: 14%
  - United States: 14%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Washington County: 1%
  - OH: 17%
  - United States: 17.5%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Washington County: 4.1%
  - OH: 3%
  - United States: 3.0%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Washington County: 11%
  - OH: 19%
  - United States: 21%

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Washington County: 47
  - OH: 68
  - United States: 76

- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Washington County: 82.5
  - OH: 82.4
  - United States: 83.2

- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**
  - Washington County: 17
  - OH: 15
  - United States: 17

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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