County Facts: Wayne County, WV
Population 40,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Wayne County 5.8%, WV 5.2%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Wayne County 20.4%, WV 17.8%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Wayne County $57, WV $43, United States $42
- Population growth 2000-2017: Wayne County 5.1%, WV 0%, United States -6%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Wayne County 16%, WV 9%, United States 8%
- Farming share of workforce: Wayne County 10%, WV 1.0%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Wayne County 4.8%, WV 4.7%, United States 3.4%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Wayne County 45%, WV 46%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Wayne County 16%, WV 19%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Wayne County 7%, WV 9%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Wayne County 19%, WV 19%, United States 19%
- Percent landing in jail: Wayne County 1.0%, WV 1.1%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Wayne County $6.4, WV $6.4, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 15.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 20.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

Morehead State Univ. (public):

- Low-income share of students: 9.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 38.4%

West Virginia 4-year-college average:

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

U.S. 4-year-college average:

- Low-income share of students: 20.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

West Virginia 2-year-college average:

- Low-income share of students: 19.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6%

U.S. 2-year-college average:

- Low-income share of students: 16.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 19.7%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Wayne County - 4%, WV - 4%, United States - 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Wayne County - 1%, WV - 1%, United States - 17%
- Percent over age 65: Wayne County - 16.5%, WV - 6.0%, United States - 21%
- Percent college grad: Wayne County - 15%, WV - 14%, United States - 22%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Wayne County - 46, WV - 22, United States - 81.6
- Life expectancy (years): Wayne County - 83.2, WV - 81.9, United States - 81.6
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Wayne County - 46, WV - 15, United States - 15
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