County Facts: Weld County, CO
Population 305,000

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)
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
2.7% | 2.8% | $60 | 4.4% | 69% | 10% | 4.7%
12.3% | 2.2% | $65 | 15.1% | 30% | 16% | 3.6%

Weld County | CO | United States

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)
---|---|---|---|---|---
42% | 46% | 22% | 20% | 10% | $6.4
48% | 46% | 12% | 11% | 23% | $6.1
21% | 20% | 17% | 20% | 1.5% | $5.3

Weld County | CO | United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **U of Northern Colorado (public)**
  - Low-income share of students: 4.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 6.8%
- **Colorado 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 4.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 6.8%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 4.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 6.8%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **IBMC College (for-profit)†**
  - Low-income share of students: 20.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 12.2%
- **Colorado 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 20.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 12.2%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 29.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 13.3%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Weld County: 3%
  - CO: 5%
  - United States: 3%
- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Weld County: 14%
  - CO: 28%
  - United States: 21%
- **Percent over age 65**
  - Weld County: 13%
  - CO: 10.9%
  - United States: 9.6%
- **Percent college grad**
  - Weld County: 27%
  - CO: 21%
  - United States: 18%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Weld County: 93
  - CO: 83
  - United States: 84.2
- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Weld County: 84.4
  - CO: 83.2
  - United States: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**
  - Weld County: 5
  - CO: 10
  - United States: 15

*Weld County, CO**

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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—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