County Facts: Wetzel County, WV
Population 15,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 7.2% (Wetzel County), 5.2% (WV), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 19.8% (Wetzel County), 17.8% (WV), 15.1% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $57 (Wetzel County), $43 (WV), $38 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: -13% (Wetzel County), 0% (WV), 16% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Wetzel County), 10% (WV), 8% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 10% (Wetzel County), 10% (WV), 10% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.1% (Wetzel County), 1.0% (WV), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 47% (Wetzel County), 46% (WV), 45% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 21% (Wetzel County), 19% (WV), 15% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Wetzel County), 9% (WV), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Wetzel County), 17% (WV), 0.4% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 15% (Wetzel County), 10% (WV), 1.0% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.1 (Wetzel County), $6.4 (WV), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

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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—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
• BLS: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
• 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