County Facts: Wheeler County, TX
Population 5,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: 4.1% (Wheeler County), 4.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)
Poverty rate: 15.9% (Wheeler County), 15.1% (TX), 12.8% (United States)
Median family income (000s): $46,000 (Wheeler County), $56,000 (TX), $57,000 (United States)
Population growth 2000-2017: 1% (Wheeler County), 15.9% (TX), 9.7% (United States)
Manufacturing share of workforce: 4.7% (Wheeler County), 3.3% (TX), 3.3% (United States)
Farming share of workforce: 16% (Wheeler County), 9% (TX), 12% (United States)
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Wheeler County), 3.3% (TX), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: 42% (Wheeler County), 41% (TX), 46% (United States)
Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Wheeler County), 20% (TX), 25% (United States)
Percent achieving American Dream: 10% (Wheeler County), 10% (TX), 10% (United States)
Percent giving birth as a teen: 10% (Wheeler County), 20% (TX), 25% (United States)
Percent landing in jail: 1.9% (Wheeler County), 0.7% (TX), 1.5% (United States)
Local school expenditure per student (000s): $5.8 (Wheeler County), $6.4 (TX), $11.6 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 13.6% (Texas), 9.3% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 56.0% (Texas), 51.3% (U.S.)

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 17.5% (Texas), 15.6% (U.S.)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 37.1% (Texas), 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 4% (Wheeler County), 13% (TX), 14% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 17% (Wheeler County), 10.3% (TX), 40% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.0% (Wheeler County), 18% (TX), 21% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 10% (Wheeler County), 10% (TX), 18% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 44 (Wheeler County), 71 (TX), 76 (United States)
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