County Facts: Wicomico County, MD

Population 103,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate 5.7%
Poverty rate 4.1%
Median family income (000s) $78
Population growth 2000-2017 15.1%
Manufacturing share of workforce 22%
Farming share of workforce 10%
Great Recession unemployment spike (pp) 4.8%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college 50%
Percent reaching upper-middle class 46%
Percent achieving American Dream 10%
Percent giving birth as a teen 12%
Percent in jail 18%
Local school expenditure per student (000s) $7.2

Wicomico County MD United States

43% 46% 50%
18% 20% 12%
8% 10% 23%
18% 20% 2.1%
1.6% 1.5% 1.7%
$6.1 $6.4 $7.2
### Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

#### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 7.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 9.9%
- **Maryland 4-year-college average**: 9.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 52.2%

#### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 19.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 10.3%
- **Maryland 2-year-college average**: 15.6%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 27.4%

*Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus.

### Local Demographics

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*Data reflects nearby county information.*
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
- 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