County Facts: Woodson County, KS
Population 3,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 4.5%
- Poverty rate: 3.6%
- Median family income (000s): $44
- Population growth 2000-2017: -17%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 3.1%
- Farming share of workforce: 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 2.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 41%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20%
- Percent landing in jail: 0.3%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 5.6% (Kansas), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 48.4% (Kansas), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 10.6% (Kansas), 11.8% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 15.6% (Kansas), 28.1% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

Allen County CC (public)†

- Low-income share of students: 15.6% (Kansas), 28.1% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 11.8% (Kansas) vs. 31.9% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 2% (Woodson County), 7% (KS), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 9% (Woodson County), 11% (KS), 17% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 13.2% (Woodson County), 13.0% (KS), 22.7% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 16% (Woodson County), 21% (KS), 21% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 3 (Woodson County), 34 (KS), 76 (United States)

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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
- 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