County Facts: Worcester County, MD
Population 52,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 8.5% (Worcester County), 4.1% (MD), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 14.8% (Worcester County), 10.0% (MD), 14% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $78 (Worcester County), $57 (MD), $52 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Worcester County), 11% (MD), 8% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 10% (Worcester County), 5% (MD), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.3% (Worcester County), 0.7% (MD), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.8% (Worcester County), 4.7% (MD), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 50% (Worcester County), 46% (MD), 48% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 25% (Worcester County), 19% (MD), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 12% (Worcester County), 9% (MD), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Worcester County), 18% (MD), 12% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.8% (Worcester County), 1.5% (MD), 1.6% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.2 (Worcester County), $6.7 (MD), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 9.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 54.5%

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 12.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.6%

Wesley College†
- Maryland 4-year-college average
- U.S. 4-year-college average

Delaware Tech CC of Dover, DE (public)†
- Maryland 2-year-college average
- U.S. 2-year-college average

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 26% (Worcester County), 31% (MD), 14% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 9% (Worcester County), 4% (MD), 4% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 23.2% (Worcester County), 27% (MD), 21% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 18% (Worcester County), 21% (MD), 13.0% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 96 (Worcester County), 76 (MD), 83.1 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 82.5 (Worcester County), 83.2 (MD), 83.1 (United States)
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents): 27 (Worcester County), 33 (MD), 15 (United States)

Worcester County, MD

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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