County Facts: Wright County, MO
Population 18,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.0% (Wright County), 3.8% (MO), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 23.5% (Wright County), 15.3% (MO), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Wright County), $52 (MO), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 2% (Wright County), 9% (MO), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 6.1% (Wright County), 14% (MO), 15% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 4.7% (Wright County), 4.0% (MO), 4.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.9% (Wright County), 1.7% (MO), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 35% (Wright County), 45% (MO), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 12% (Wright County), 19% (MO), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 7% (Wright County), 8% (MO), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 1.3% (Wright County), 20% (MO), 27% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Wright County), 20% (MO), 20% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.8 (Wright County), $4.8 (MO), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Wright County - 1%, MO - 12%, United States - 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Wright County - 2%, MO - 4%, United States - 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Wright County - 17.5%, MO - 13.0%, United States - 14%
- **Percent college grad**: Wright County - 9%, MO - 19%, United States - 19%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Wright County - 88, MO - 76, United States - 35
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Wright County - 17, MO - 16, United States - 15

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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