County Facts: Yakima County, WA
Population 250,000

The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 6.8%
- **Poverty rate**: 4.8%
- **Median family income (000s)**: $66
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 26%
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 10%
- **Farming share of workforce**: 18.9%
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 4.4%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 41%
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 17%
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 8%
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 14%
- **Percent landing in jail**: 1.0%
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.7

[Graphs and data visualizations are shown in the document.]

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## Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.0%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 17.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 10.6%

### Central Washington Univ. (public)

- **Low-income share of students**: 5.5%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.0%

### Washington 4-year-college average

- **Low-income share of students**: 6.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### U.S. 4-year-college average

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 52.7%

### Yakima Valley CC (public)

- **Low-income share of students**: 17.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 36.2%

### Washington 2-year-college average

- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

### U.S. 2-year-college average

- **Low-income share of students**: 36.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 36.2%

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

## Local Demographics

### Yakima County, WA

- **Percent Black**: 2%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 12%
- **Percent over age 65**: 11.6%
- **Percent college grad**: 9%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 101
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 9

### United States

- **Percent Black**: 14%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: 12.3%
- **Percent college grad**: 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 76
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 10

### WA

- **Percent Black**: 48%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 12%
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.0%
- **Percent college grad**: 23%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 148
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 84.0
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 15
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