County Facts: Chickasaw County, MS
Population 17,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Chickasaw County 5.2%, MS 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Chickasaw County 22.1%, MS 22.2%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Chickasaw County $57, MS $42, United States $37
- Population growth 2000-2017: Chickasaw County 16%, MS 5%, United States 22%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Chickasaw County 13%, MS 10%, United States 13%
- Farming share of workforce: Chickasaw County 2.6%, MS 1.7%, United States 3.6%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Chickasaw County 4.7%, MS 4.2%, United States 3.6%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Chickasaw County 41%, MS 46%, United States 31%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Chickasaw County 13%, MS 20%, United States 9%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Chickasaw County 6%, MS 10%, United States 4%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Chickasaw County 32%, MS 38%, United States 13%
- Percent landing in jail: Chickasaw County 1.9%, MS 2.6%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Chickasaw County $4.5, MS $4.2, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 12.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 46.1%

2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 23.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

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

Local Demographics

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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