**County Facts: Copiah County, MS**
Population 29,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 5.7% (Copiah County), 5.1% (MS), 4.7% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 22.5% (Copiah County), 22.2% (MS), 13% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $40 (Copiah County), $42 (MS), $57 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 16% (Copiah County), 5% (MS), 1% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 13% (Copiah County), 10% (MS), 1% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 13% (Copiah County), 1.6% (MS), .2% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 22.5% (Copiah County), 22.2% (MS), 15.1% (United States)

### How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 43% (Copiah County), 41% (MS), 46% (United States)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 10% (Copiah County), 13% (MS), 20% (United States)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 6% (Copiah County), 6% (MS), 10% (United States)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 35% (Copiah County), 32% (MS), 10% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 2.7% (Copiah County), 1.9% (MS), 1.5% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $4.2 (Copiah County), $4.5 (MS), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 30.5%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 31.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Copiah County = 51%, MS = 38%, United States = 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Copiah County = 2%, MS = 3%, United States = 14%
- Percent over age 65: Copiah County = 2.8%, MS = 3%, United States = 14%
- Percent college grad: Copiah County = 15%, MS = 14%, United States = 14%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Copiah County = 81, MS = 76, United States = 81.4
- Life expectancy (years): Copiah County = 81, MS = 81.3, United States = 81.3
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): Copiah County = 8, MS = 6, United States = 8
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