County Facts: Jones County, MS
Population 68,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Jones County 5.1%, MS 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Jones County 24.0%, MS 22.2%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Jones County $57, MS $42, United States $36
- Population growth 2000-2017: Jones County 5%, MS 5%, United States 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Jones County 15%, MS 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Jones County 3.7%, MS 1.7%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Jones County 4.7%, MS 3.6%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Jones County 44%, MS 41%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Jones County 20%, MS 15%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Jones County 10%, MS 8%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Jones County 32%, MS 20%, United States 16%
- Percent landing in jail: Jones County 1.9%, MS 1.6%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Jones County $6.4, MS $4.6, United States $4.5

[Graphs showing data for each category]
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 12.9% (Jones County) vs. 9.3% (MS) vs. 46.1% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3% (Jones County) vs. 24.7% (MS) vs. 26.0% (U.S.)

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 24.7% (Jones County) vs. 26.0% (MS) vs. 15.6% (U.S.)
- Low-income student success rate: 24.4% (Jones County) vs. 24.4% (MS) vs. 32.9% (U.S.)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 38% (Jones County) vs. 35% (MS) vs. 38% (U.S.)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Jones County) vs. 14% (MS) vs. 14% (U.S.)
- Percent over age 65: 14.4% (Jones County) vs. 12.8% (MS) vs. 13.0% (U.S.)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Jones County) vs. 11% (MS) vs. 14% (U.S.)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 106 (Jones County) vs. 89 (MS) vs. 76 (U.S.)
- Life expectancy (years): 83.2 (Jones County) vs. 81.5 (MS) vs. 81.3 (U.S.)

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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