County Facts: Lawrence County, MS
Population 13,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Lawrence County 6.5%, MS 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Lawrence County 28.3%, MS 22.2%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Lawrence County $57, MS $42, United States $31
- Population growth 2000-2017: Lawrence County 16%, MS 5%, United States -4%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Lawrence County 11%, MS 10%, United States 10%
- Farming share of workforce: Lawrence County 4.0%, MS 2.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lawrence County 3.8%, MS 3.6%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Lawrence County 41%, MS 41%, United States 41%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lawrence County 18%, MS 13%, United States 13%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Lawrence County 11%, MS 6%, United States 6%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Lawrence County 27%, MS 20%, United States 10%
- Percent landing in jail: Lawrence County 1.9%, MS 1.5%, United States 1.1%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lawrence County $4.4, MS $4.5, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 12.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 26.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

#### Mississippi 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 12.9%
- 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: 46.1%

#### Mississippi 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 26.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%

#### U.S. 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.4%

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

### Local Demographics

#### Percent Black
- Lawrence County: 50%
- MS: 38%
- United States: 14%

#### Percent Hispanic
- Lawrence County: 2%
- MS: 3%
- United States: 14%

#### Percent over age 65
- Lawrence County: 17%
- MS: 12.8%
- United States: 13.0%

#### Percent college grad
- Lawrence County: 12.8%
- MS: 11%
- United States: 14%

#### Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
- Lawrence County: 42
- MS: 76
- United States: 2

* Local Demographics: Lawrence County, MS
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