County Facts: Leake County, MS
Population 23,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate
5.6% Leake County 5.1% MS 4.4% United States
5% Leake County 5.1% MS 4.4% United States

Poverty rate
25.3% Leake County 22.2% MS 15.1% United States
9% Leake County 9% MS 5% United States

Median family income (000s)
$57 Leake County $42 MS $33 United States

Population growth 2000-2017
16% Leake County 18% MS 4.7% United States

Manufacturing share of workforce
13% Leake County 13% MS 10% United States

Farming share of workforce
4.7% Leake County 2.1% MS 1.7% United States

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)
4.7% Leake County 3.6% MS 2.5% United States

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college
37% Leake County 41% MS 46% United States

Percent reaching upper-middle class
20% Leake County 14% MS 13% United States

Percent achieving American Dream
10% Leake County 6% MS 9% United States

Percent giving birth as a teen
37% Leake County 32% MS 32% United States

Percent landing in jail
1.9% Leake County 1.6% MS 1.5% United States

Local school expenditure per student (000s)
$6.4 Leake County $4.5 MS $4.4 United States

Legend:
- **Leake County**
- **MS**
- **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**: 27.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

**Jackson State Univ. (public)†**

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

**Mississippi 4-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 27.7%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.4%

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

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

### Hinds CC (public)†

- Low-income share of students: 15.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 23.1%

**Mississippi 2-year-college average**

- Low-income share of students: 24.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.4%

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

- Low-income share of students: 21.6%
- Low-income student success rate: 16.0%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 37% (Leake County), 38% (MS), 37% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 14% (Leake County), 4% (MS), 3% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 17% (Leake County), 13% (MS), 13% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 13% (Leake County), 9% (MS), 9% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 89 (Leake County), 76 (MS), 66 (United States)
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents)**: 8 (Leake County), 6 (MS), 15 (United States)

**Leake County**

**MS**

**United States**
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