County Facts: Marion County, TN
Population 28,000

The Local Economy

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<td>Median family income (000s)</td>
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<td>Population growth 2000-2017</td>
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<td>Manufacturing share of workforce</td>
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How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

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<td>Percent landing in jail</td>
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<td>Local school expenditure per student (000s)</td>
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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 8.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 48.1%

**Southern Adventist Univ.†**
- **Low-income share of students**: 8.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 44.8%

**Tennessee 4-year-college average**
- **Low-income share of students**: 9.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

**U.S. 4-year-college average**
- **Low-income share of students**: 8.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 48.1%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 16.0%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 28.2%

**Chattanooga State CC (public)†**
- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 27.2%

**Tennessee 2-year-college average**
- **Low-income share of students**: 15.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 27.2%

**U.S. 2-year-college average**
- **Low-income share of students**: 15.6%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Marion County 2%, TN 14%, United States 17%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Marion County 2%, TN 5%, United States 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Marion County 3.4%, TN 3.0%, United States 9%
- **Percent college grad**: Marion County 18%, TN 67, United States 89
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Marion County 76, TN 81.4, United States 81.9
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Marion County 81.4, TN 81.9, United States 83.2
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Marion County 16, TN 19, United States 15

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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