Mississippi County, MO

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County Facts: Mississippi County, MO
Population 14,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.1% (Mississippi County), 3.8% (MO), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 25.1% (Mississippi County), 15.3% (MO), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $34 (Mississippi County), $52 (MO), $57 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 1% (Mississippi County), 9% (MO), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Mississippi County), 11% (MO), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 7.2% (Mississippi County), 1.9% (MO), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike: 4.7% (Mississippi County), 4.0% (MO), 3.0% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 45% (Mississippi County), 46% (MO), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Mississippi County), 19% (MO), 19% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 8% (Mississippi County), 8% (MO), 8% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 36% (Mississippi County), 20% (MO), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 4.0% (Mississippi County), 1.6% (MO), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $6.4 (Mississippi County), $5.9 (MO), $4.9 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 7.1% (Southeast Missouri State Univ. (public)), 7.0% (Missouri 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 36.1% (Southeast Missouri State Univ. (public)), 48.7% (Missouri 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

2-Year Colleges
- Low-income share of students: 13.0% (Southeast Missouri State Univ. (public)), 15.6% (Missouri 2-year-college average), 27.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- Low-income student success rate: 21% (Southeast Missouri State Univ. (public)), 19% (Missouri 2-year-college average), 71 (U.S. 2-year-college average)

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 14% (Mississippi County), 14% (MO), 12% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 17% (Mississippi County), 4% (MO), 3% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 15.2% (Mississippi County), 14.0% (MO), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Mississippi County), 19% (MO), 8% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 88 (Mississippi County), 76 (MO), 71 (United States)
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