County Facts: Scott County, MS
Population 28,000

The Local Economy

Unemployment rate: Scott County 4.0%, MS 5.1%, United States 4.4%

Poverty rate: Scott County 25.3%, MS 22.2%, United States 15.1%

Median family income (000s): Scott County $57, MS $42, United States $33

Population growth 2000-2017: Scott County 0%, MS 5%, United States 16%

Manufacturing share of workforce: Scott County 18%, MS 13%, United States 10%

Farming share of workforce: Scott County 4.7%, MS 2.1%, United States 1.7%

Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Scott County 25.3%, MS 22.2%, United States 18%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

Percent graduating any college: Scott County 35%, MS 41%, United States 46%

Percent reaching upper-middle class: Scott County 13%, MS 13%, United States 20%

Percent achieving American Dream: Scott County 7%, MS 6%, United States 10%

Percent giving birth as a teen: Scott County 32%, MS 20%, United States 10%

Percent landing in jail: Scott County 1.8%, MS 1.7%, United States 1.5%

Local school expenditure per student (000s): Scott County $4.0, MS $4.5, United States $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

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

- **Jackson State Univ. (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 12.9%
  - Low-income student success rate: 46.1%
- **Mississippi 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 27.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 32.9%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 30.5%
  - Low-income student success rate: 26.0%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 27.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 15.6%

- **Hinds CC (public)†**:
  - Low-income share of students: 15.6%
  - Low-income student success rate: 24.4%
- **Mississippi 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 23.1%
  - Low-income student success rate: 23.1%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**:
  - Low-income share of students: 24.4%
  - Low-income student success rate: 24.4%

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

Local Demographics

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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