**County Facts: Sevier County, TN**
Population 98,000

**The Local Economy**

- **Unemployment rate**
  - Sevier County: 4.0%
  - TN: 3.7%
  - United States: 4.4%

- **Poverty rate**
  - Sevier County: 16.0%
  - TN: 15.1%
  - United States: 15.7%

- **Median family income (000s)**
  - Sevier County: $46
  - TN: $48
  - United States: $57

- **Population growth 2000-2017**
  - Sevier County: 4.4%
  - TN: 3.7%
  - United States: 4.9%

- **Manufacturing share of workforce**
  - Sevier County: 18%
  - TN: 16%
  - United States: 14%

- **Farming share of workforce**
  - Sevier County: 10%
  - TN: 10%
  - United States: 5%

- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**
  - Sevier County: 1.7%
  - TN: 1.1%
  - United States: 1.0%

**How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out**

- **Percent graduating any college**
  - Sevier County: 33%
  - TN: 40%
  - United States: 46%

- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**
  - Sevier County: 11%
  - TN: 15%
  - United States: 20%

- **Percent achieving American Dream**
  - Sevier County: 6%
  - TN: 6%
  - United States: 10%

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**
  - Sevier County: 22%
  - TN: 20%
  - United States: 19%

- **Percent landing in jail**
  - Sevier County: 1.9%
  - TN: 1.5%
  - United States: 2.0%

- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**
  - Sevier County: $4.4
  - TN: $4.9
  - United States: $6.4
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 9.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 18.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

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**Carson - Newman Univ.†**

- Tennessee 4-year-college average: 8.4%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

- Low-income student success rate: 44.8%

**Walters State CC (public)†**

- Tennessee 2-year-college average: 15.3%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 15.6%

- Low-income student success rate: 23.6%

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

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: Sevier County = 2%, TN = 5%, United States = 77%
- **Percent Hispanic**: Sevier County = 17%, TN = 15%, United States = 17%
- **Percent over age 65**: Sevier County = 17%, TN = 15.5%, United States = 15%
- **Percent college grad**: Sevier County = 21%, TN = 18%, United States = 13%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: Sevier County = 77, TN = 67, United States = 81.5
- **Life expectancy (years)**: Sevier County = 83.2, TN = 81.9, United States = 81.9
- **Opioid deaths (deaths per 10k residents)**: Sevier County = 25, 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