County Facts: Sharkey County, MS
Population 4,000

The Local Economy

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Delta State Univ. (public): 16.3%
  - Delta State Univ. (public)*: 39.7%
  - Mississippi Delta CC (public): 39.7%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 16.3%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Delta State Univ. (public): 12.9%
  - Delta State Univ. (public)*: 15.6%
  - Mississippi Delta CC (public): 18.3%
  - U.S. 4-year-college average: 14.4%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students:**
  - Delta State Univ. (public): 9.3%
  - Delta State Univ. (public)*: 26.0%
  - Mississippi Delta CC (public): 26.0%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 26.0%
- **Low-income student success rate:**
  - Delta State Univ. (public): 46.1%
  - Delta State Univ. (public)*: 18.3%
  - Mississippi Delta CC (public): 18.3%
  - U.S. 2-year-college average: 14.4%

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

Local Demographics

### Sharkey County, MS
- **Percent Black:** 71%
- **Percent Hispanic:** 17%
- **Percent over age 65:** 14.4%
- **Percent college grad:** 21%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):** 84

### MS
- **Percent Black:** 38%
- **Percent Hispanic:** 14%
- **Percent over age 65:** 2%
- **Percent college grad:** 12%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):** 84

### United States
- **Percent Black:** 14%
- **Percent Hispanic:** 3%
- **Percent over age 65:** 12.8%
- **Percent college grad:** 13.0%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents):** 76
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