County Facts: Shelby County, MO
Population 6,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate:
  - Shelby County: 3.5%
  - MO: 3.8%
  - United States: 4.4%
- Poverty rate:
  - Shelby County: 18.3%
  - MO: 16.1%
  - United States: 5.3%
- Median family income (000s):
  - Shelby County: $41
  - MO: $52
  - United States: $57
- Population growth 2000-2017:
  - Shelby County: -12%
  - MO: 9%
  - United States: 16%
- Manufacturing share of workforce:
  - Shelby County: 11%
  - MO: 16%
  - United States: 13%
- Farming share of workforce:
  - Shelby County: 15.3%
  - MO: 15.1%
  - United States: 15.3%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp):
  - Shelby County: 10%
  - MO: 11%
  - United States: 4.0%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college:
  - Shelby County: 42%
  - MO: 45%
  - United States: 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class:
  - Shelby County: 15%
  - MO: 19%
  - United States: 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream:
  - Shelby County: 8%
  - MO: 17%
  - United States: 12%
- Percent giving birth as a teen:
  - Shelby County: 10%
  - MO: 1.2%
  - United States: 1.5%
- Percent landing in jail:
  - Shelby County: 1.2%
  - MO: 20%
  - United States: 20%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s):
  - Shelby County: $5.4
  - MO: $5.9
  - United States: $6.4

Unemployment rate: Shelby County, MO, United States
Poverty rate: Shelby County, MO, United States
Median family income: Shelby County, MO, United States
Population growth 2000-2017: Shelby County, MO, United States
Manufacturing share of workforce: Shelby County, MO, United States
Farming share of workforce: Shelby County, MO, United States
Great Recession unemployment spike: Shelby County, MO, United States
Percent graduating any college: Shelby County, MO, United States
Percent reaching upper-middle class: Shelby County, MO, United States
Percent achieving American Dream: Shelby County, MO, United States
Percent giving birth as a teen: Shelby County, MO, United States
Percent landing in jail: Shelby County, MO, United States
Local school expenditure per student: Shelby County, MO, United States
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

**4-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 7.0%
- Low-income student success rate: 48.7%
- Missouri 4-year-college average: 7.0%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

**2-Year Colleges**
- Low-income share of students: 13.8%
- Low-income student success rate: 32.9%
- Missouri 2-year-college average: 13.0%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 27.6%

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

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: Shelby County 4%, MO 12%, United States 14%
- Percent Hispanic: Shelby County 1%, MO 4%, United States 17%
- Percent over age 65: Shelby County 19.4%, MO 13.0%, United States 13%
- Percent college grad: Shelby County 21%, MO 19%, United States 13%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): Shelby County 34, MO 88, United States 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