County Facts: Washington County, MS
Population 46,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 7.4% (Washington County), 5.1% (MS), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 34.1% (Washington County), 22.2% (MS), 15% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57,000 (Washington County), $42,000 (MS), $57,000 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: 16% (Washington County), 5% (MS), 1% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 13% (Washington County), 10% (MS), 7% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 6.8% (Washington County), 2.1% (MS), 1.7% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 4.7% (Washington County), 3.9% (MS), 3.6% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 33% (Washington County), 41% (MS), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 8% (Washington County), 13% (MS), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 4% (Washington County), 6% (MS), 10% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 20% (Washington County), 32% (MS), 44% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.9% (Washington County), 1.5% (MS), 3.1% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.4 (Washington County), $4.5 (MS), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 16.3%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 49.8%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 39.7%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 26.0%

**Delta State Univ. (public)†**
- **Mississippi 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 16.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 49.8%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 16.3%
  - Low-income student success rate: 49.8%

**Mississippi Delta CC (public)†**
- **Mississippi 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 39.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 26.0%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**
  - Low-income share of students: 39.7%
  - Low-income student success rate: 26.0%

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

Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 71%
- **Percent Hispanic**: 38%
- **Percent over age 65**: 12.9%
- **Percent college grad**: 15.6%
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 89
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 79.7
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