County Facts: Wilkinson County, MS
Population 9,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Wilkinson County 8.7%, MS 5.1%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Wilkinson County 28.3%, MS 15.1%, United States 11.6%
- Median family income (000s): Wilkinson County $57, MS $42, United States $31
- Population growth 2000-2017: Wilkinson County 16%, MS 5%, United States 1.6%
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Wilkinson County 13%, MS 10%, United States 7.0%
- Farming share of workforce: Wilkinson County 4.0%, MS 2.1%, United States 1.7%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Wilkinson County 1.7%, MS 2.6%, United States 3.9%

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Wilkinson County 33%, MS 41%, United States 46%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Wilkinson County 10%, MS 13%, United States 20%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Wilkinson County 6%, MS 6%, United States 10%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Wilkinson County 32%, MS 32%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Wilkinson County 2.6%, MS 1.9%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Wilkinson County $4.9, MS $4.5, United States $6.4

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Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 12.9%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Low-income share of students**: 30.4%
- **Low-income student success rate**: 32.9%

### Mississippi 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 12.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 9.3%

### U.S. 4-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 46.1%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

### Mississippi 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 30.4%
- Low-income student success rate: 26.0%

### U.S. 2-year-college average
- Low-income share of students: 27.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 24.4%

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

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Local Demographics

### Wilkinson County
- Percent Black: 50%
- Percent Hispanic: 38%
- Percent over age 65: 17%
- Percent college grad: 13.8%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 21%

### MS
- Percent Black: 2%
- Percent Hispanic: 12.8%
- Percent over age 65: 13.0%
- Percent college grad: 11%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 14%

### United States
- Percent Black: 2%
- Percent Hispanic: 11%
- Percent over age 65: 11%
- Percent college grad: 14%
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 14%
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