

Poverty and Well-being Profiles

Benton County, MS (2018)

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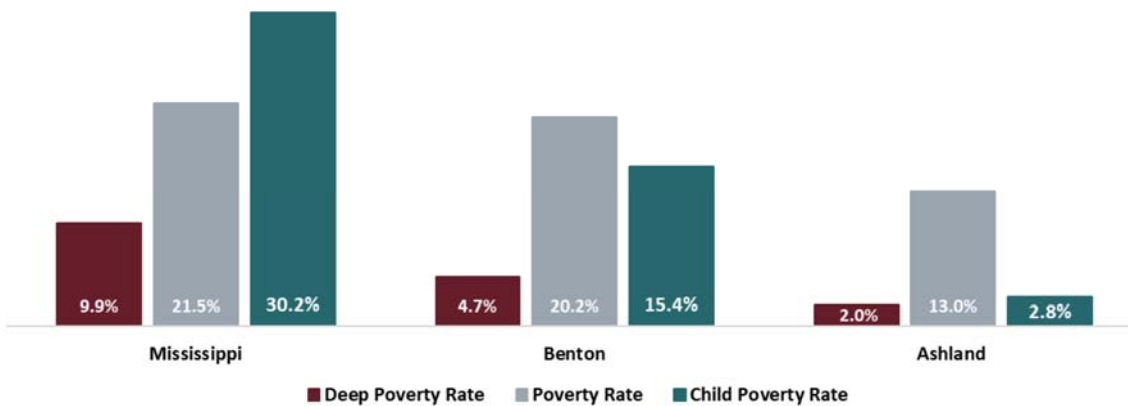
Populations and Households in Poverty (2017)

Category	Mississippi	Benton	Ashland
Population*	2,890,123	8,234	500
Households (HH)	1,103,514	2,960	211
Population in Poverty	620,007	1,663	65
Child Poverty	30.2%	15.4%	2.8%
Young Adult Poverty	25.5%	23.4%	6.9%
Elder Poverty	13.1%	13.1%	19.5%

Child is defined as a person under 18 years of age; young adult is defined as a person between 18 and 34 years of age; elder is aged 65 and over. Source: 2017 Population Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau for 2017 population of state, county, and county seat — Table S1701; Population in poverty for the state versus the United States or county/district and county seat — SAIFE, U.S. Census Bureau.

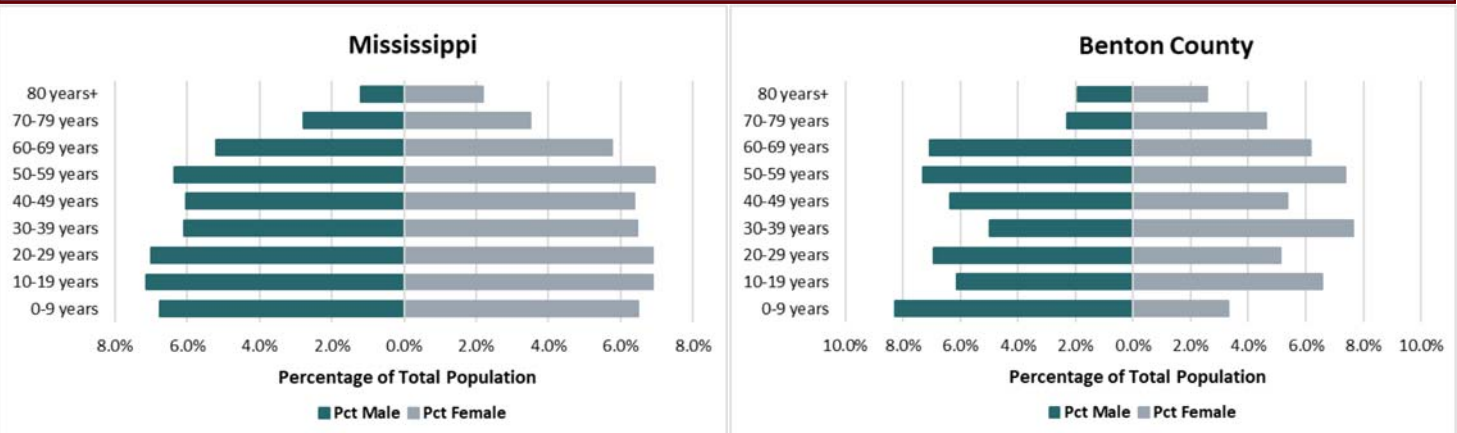
*Total population for whom poverty status is determined—ACS Table S1701.

Poverty Rate Measures (2017)



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017 5-year estimates for poverty rates of the state versus the United States or county/district and county seat—Table S1701. The U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is in poverty.

Population Pyramid (2017)



Population Pyramid: Shows the age-sex distribution of the given population. Age groups are depicted on the y-axis and the percentage of the population on the x-axis. Gender is shown on the left/right sides. The population pyramid provides a picture of the composition of the population. Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017 5-year estimates, Table S0101.

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Asset Poverty (2017)

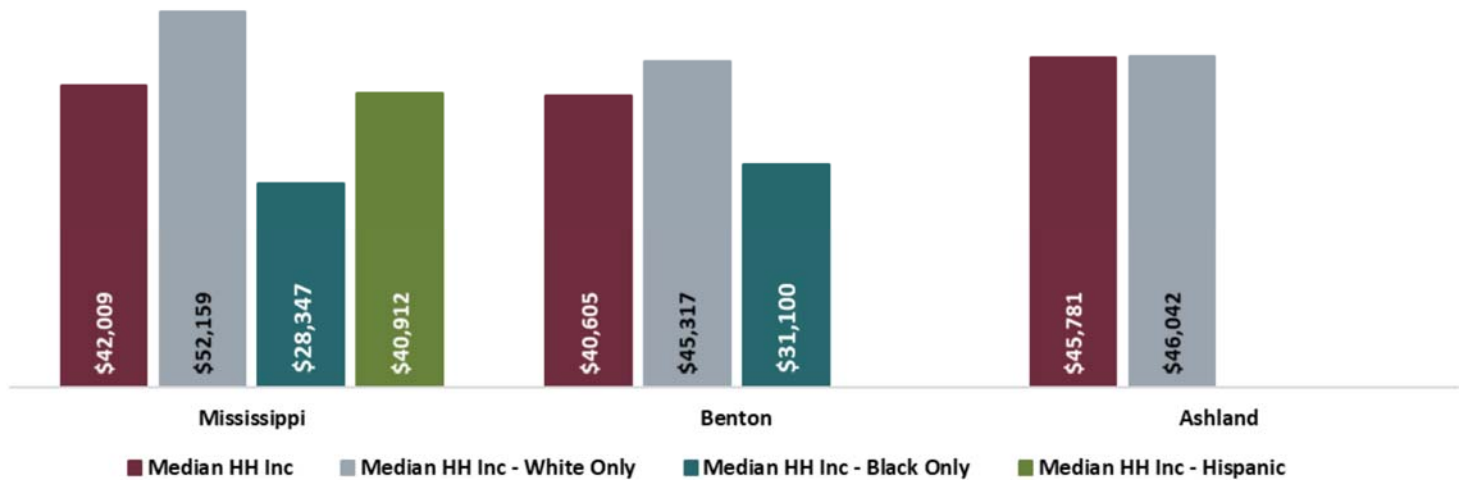
Category	Mississippi	Benton	Ashland
Asset Poverty	28.4%	33.4%	N/A
Liquid Asset Poverty	57.3%	44.2%	N/A
Zero Net Worth	18.0%	13.5%	N/A
Unbanked	15.8%	8.5%	N/A
Underbanked	22.5%	19.6%	N/A

Percentage of Population by Race/Ethnicity (2017)

	White Only	Black Only	Hispanic
Mississippi	58.8%	37.6%	3.0%
Benton	60.8%	36.6%	2.5%
Ashland	N/A	N/A	N/A

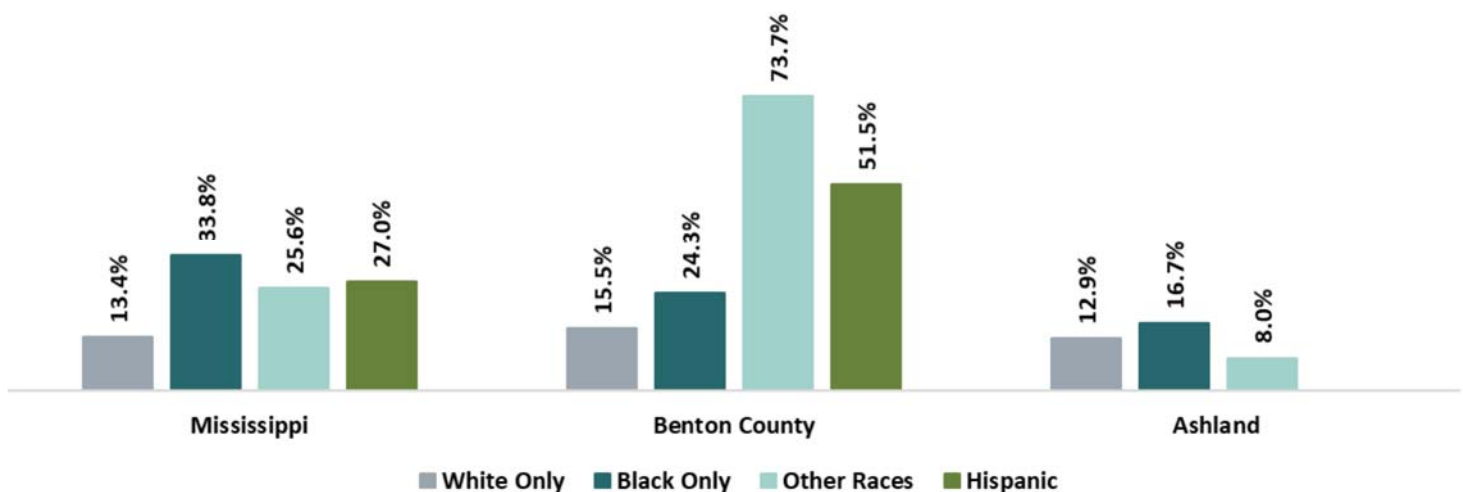
Source: Prosperity Now Scorecard — <https://scorecard.prosperitynow.org/>

Median Household Income by Race (2017)



Source: Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates for median household income of the state and county. U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates for median household income by race—Table B19013.

Poverty Rate by Race (2017)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates for median household income by race—Table S1701.

Living Wage (2018)

Related children under 18 years of age

		None	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
1 Adult	Living Wage	\$10.71	\$20.48	\$23.16	\$28.33
	Poverty Wage	\$5.84	\$7.91	\$9.99	\$12.07
2 Adults					
1 Working FT	Living Wage	\$17.74	\$21.10	\$23.16	\$26.44
	Poverty Wage	\$7.91	\$21.10	\$12.07	\$14.14
1 Working PT	Living Wage		\$22.47		
2 Working FT	Living Wage	\$8.87	\$11.37	\$12.91	\$14.56
	Poverty Wage	\$3.96	\$5.00	\$6.03	\$7.07

Note: The living wage is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family. The values are **per adult in a family**. The minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour. Full-time is considered as 2,080 hours per year. Part time is defined as fewer than 35 hours per week of work. Living Wage Calculator. <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>

Typical Expenses (2018)

Annual Expense	1 Adult 0 Children	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults (1 wrkg FT) 0 Children	2 Adults (1 wrkg FT) 1 Child	2 Adults (1 wrkg FT) 2 Children	2 Adults (1 wrkg FT) 3 Children
Food	\$2,994	\$4,413	\$6,644	\$8,812	\$5,489	\$6,832	\$8,822	\$10,741
Child Care	\$0	\$2,869	\$3,783	\$4,696	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Medical	\$2,383	\$7,561	\$7,217	\$7,300	\$5,606	\$7,217	\$7,300	\$7,019
Housing	\$6,012	\$7,932	\$7,932	\$11,448	\$6,912	\$7,932	\$7,932	\$11,448
Transportation	\$4,623	\$8,424	\$9,905	\$11,459	\$8,424	\$9,905	\$11,459	\$11,329
Other	\$2,824	\$4,697	\$5,099	\$5,935	\$4,697	\$5,099	\$5,935	\$5,808
Required annual income after taxes	\$18,835	\$35,895	\$40,580	\$49,650	\$31,127	\$36,985	\$41,448	\$46,345
Annual taxes	\$3,449	\$6,706	\$7,594	\$9,282	\$5,773	\$6,913	\$7,758	\$8,656
Required annual income	\$22,284	\$42,601	\$48,174	\$58,932	\$36,900	\$43,898	\$49,206	\$55,001

Typical Expenses (2018)

Annual Expense	2 Adults (1 wrkg PT) 1 Child	2 Adults (2 wrkg FT) 0 Children	2 Adults (2 wrkg FT) 1 Child	2 Adults (2 wrkg FT) 2 Children	2 Adults (2 wrkg FT) 3 Children
Food		\$5,489	\$6,832	\$8,822	\$10,741
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Required annual income after taxes		\$31,127	\$39,854	\$45,231	\$51,041
Annual taxes		\$5,773	\$7,456	\$8,475	\$9,546
Required annual income	\$46,748	\$36,900	\$47,310	\$53,706	\$60,587

Definitions of Measures and Data Sources

Measure	Definition	Data Source
Poverty rate	Number of people with household income at or below 100% of the poverty threshold based on household size.	
Deep poverty	Household incomes below 50% of the poverty threshold based on household size.	Small Area Income And Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates for median household income
Poverty threshold	Income dollar amount to determine a household's poverty status. Threshold vary according to the size of the household and the ages of its members.	
Household income	Income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the household.	
Median household income	The point that divides the household income distribution into halves, one-half with income above the median and other with income below the median.	
Assets and Financial Security		
Net worth	Assets minus liabilities (i.e., How much a person owns minus what they owe to others).	
Zero net worth	Percentage of households that have zero or negative net worth .	
(Liquid) asset poverty	Percentage of household without sufficient net worth (based on liquid asset) to subsist at the poverty level for three months under a financial crisis such as a job loss, medical emergency, or the need to fix a car.	Prosperity Now Scorecard; Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2014, U.S. Census Bureau.
Liquid asset	Includes cash on hand or an asset that can be readily converted to cash (for example, bank account, other interest-earning account, equity in stocks and mutual funds, and retirement accounts).	
Unbanked	Percentage of household not having a checking, savings, or money market account.	National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Underbanked	Percentage of household having a checking or savings account, but also obtaining financial products and services outside of the banking system.	

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