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2020

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GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 566,926 Households: 220,929

By Gender	2019
Male	48.62%
Female	51.38%

By Age	2019
Age 0-9	12.10%
Age 10-20	15.72%
Age 21-24	6.80%
Age 25-34	12.98%
Age 35-44	11.67%
Age 45-54	11.78%
Age 55-64	12.23%
Age 65-74	9.87%
Age 75+	6.85%

By Race and Ethnicity	2019
White	67.25%
African American	28.35%
Other	4.40%



LABOR MARKET

Residence Based Amounts	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Civilian Labor Force	255,490	254,670	256,090	254,030	249,600
Unemployed	12,670	11,010	11,680	14,150	15,850
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.3%	4.6%	5.6%	6.4%
Employed	242,820	243,660	244,410	239,880	233,750

Establishment Based Amounts	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Manufacturing	48,060	47,520	47,560	47,170	43,900
Non-manufacturing	184,080	180,870	179,620	177,270	171,640
Agricultural Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,490	1,670	1,800	1,510	1,560
Mining	110	100	120	250	210
Utilities	1,160	1,120	1,090	1,090	1,100
Construction	7,840	7,630	7,510	8,120	8,020
Wholesale Trade	5,980	5,820	5,790	5,670	5,370
Retail Trade	26,590	27,010	27,040	26,450	25,740
Transportation & Warehousing	9,550	9,140	8,950	9,260	8,420
Information	2,370	2,420	2,620	2,450	2,330
Finance & Insurance	5,310	5,040	4,920	4,800	4,800
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	2,280	2,340	2,280	2,230	2,100
Professional Scientific & Technical Services	5,360	5,340	5,040	4,830	4,700
Management of Companies	1,440	1,390	1,380	1,510	1,580
Administrative Support & Waste Management	15,850	13,480	14,370	14,750	12,980
Educational Services	1,180	1,150	1,140	1,330	1,200
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,020	27,550	26,040	24,340	24,490
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,380	1,430	1,410	1,590	1,400
Accommodations & Food Services	21,460	21,840	21,350	20,540	19,360
Other Services (except public administrative)	3,750	3,790	3,830	3,840	3,830
Government	42,960	42,610	42,940	42,710	42,450
Education (included in Government total)	25,780	25,620	25,880	25,740	25,450
Total Non-agricultural Employment	232,140	228,390	227,180	224,440	215,540

ECONOMY

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Per Capita Income	\$36,234	\$34,770	\$37,124	\$34,501	\$32,738
Median Household Income	\$42,900	\$42,519	\$41,276	\$39,475	\$38,676
% of Households with Income Equal or Less Than \$24,999	28.76	30.78%	32.15%	33.60%	34.55%

Employment Occupational Composition	2019
Professional and Technical	17.00%
Executive, Administrative and Managerial	9.38%
Sales	10.46%
Administrative Support and Clerical	11.80%
Production, Craft and Repair	23.02%
Transportation and Material Moving	9.20%
Handlers, Helpers and Laborers	0.64%
Service	18.50%

Establishment-Based Employment Composition	2019
Manufacturing	20.7%
Non-Manufacturing	79.3%

Per Capita Income by County	2019		
Alcorn	\$37,770	Marshall	\$31,275
Benton	\$29,376	Monroe	\$32,664
Calhoun	\$34,346	Oktibbeha	\$34,100
Chickasaw	\$33,138	Pontotoc	\$33,058
Clay	\$38,435	Prentiss	\$30,727
Itawamba	\$33,404	Tippah	\$33,926
Lafayette	\$45,068	Tishomingo	\$34,223
Lee	\$40,712	Union	\$32,346
Lowndes	\$37,650	Region	\$36,234

EDUCATION

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Percent of Population 25+ with HS Diploma	81.68%	81.34%	81.16%	79.12%	79.35%
Average Expenditure per Student	\$10,349	\$10,127	\$9,960	\$9,754	\$9,395
ACT All Students	17.74	17.91	17.99	18.28	17.73
Average Class Size	12.89	13.45	13.44	13.53	13.74

2019 Dropout and Graduation Rates by District

	Dropout Rate	Graduation Rate
Aberdeen	9.5	81.1
Alcorn County	2.2	94.7
Amory	6.6	81.8
Baldwyn	10.4	85.4
Benton County	7.9	86.8
Booneville	8.7	87.0
Calhoun County	3.9	91.6
Chickasaw County	9.1	86.4
Columbus	15.6	71.3
Corinth	4.6	90.8
Holly Springs	4.4	90.0
Houston	5.6	87.0
Itawamba County	11.7	80.5
Lafayette County	8.4	87.1
Lee County	9.5	84.2
Lowndes County	4.5	90.9
Marshall County	11.6	85.0
Monroe County	4.8	91.0
Nettleton	14.8	78.7
New Albany	6.1	84.3
North Tippah	4.0	88.0
Okolona	8.0	78.0
Oxford	7.3	87.5
Pontotoc	4.0	91.9
Pontotoc County	8.3	87.7
Prentiss County	9.6	84.0
South Tippah	7.3	87.4
Starkville Oktibbeha	15.3	76.3
Tishomingo County	4.2	92.5
Tupelo	11.9	84.7
Union County	8.6	89.7
West Point	14.0	80.1
Mississippi	9.7	85.0

ACT Averages By County

	All Students 2019
Alcorn	18.37
Benton	16.80
Calhoun	16.50
Chickasaw	16.45
Clay	15.20
Itawamba	18.40
Lafayette	20.38
Lee	17.63
Lowndes	17.14
Marshall	15.54
Monroe	17.79
Oktibbeha	17.60
Pontotoc	18.02
Prentiss	18.73
Tippah	17.76
Tishomingo	17.50
Union	18.14
Mississippi	17.74

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Educational Attainment age 25+

	2019
Graduate/Professional	8.95%
4 Year Degree +	12.77%
Associate's Degree	9.04%
Some College	20.75%
High School Diploma	30.41%
Some High School	12.10%
Some Elementary	5.98%

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Number of Births to Single Teens	N/A	470	521	562	496
TANF & Food Stamp Payments per Household	\$393.44	\$461.95	\$515.54	\$591.65	\$652.31
Number of Divorces	N/A	1935	1786	1968	1935
Number of Divorces Involving Children	N/A	868	773	925	846

HOUSING

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Percent of Owner Occupied Housing	69.46%	68.14%	68.13%	68.04%	68.64%
Percent of Renter Occupied Housing	30.54%	31.87%	31.87%	31.96%	31.36%
Median Home Value	\$130,727	\$122,363	\$115,576	\$110,666	\$97,586

PUBLIC SAFETY

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
DUI Arrests	N/A	N/A	N/A	3119	4954
Traffic Fatalities	N/A	N/A	N/A	137	145

HEALTH

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Low Birth Weight Index	N/A	N/A	11.5	11.3	11.1
Infant Mortality Rate (5 year average)	N/A	9.3	9.6	8.6	10.3
Percent of Prenatal Care/First Trimester	N/A	N/A	80.5	69.5	70.7
Total Number of Births	N/A	6,804	6,853	6,255	6,166
Death Rate per 100,000 Population					
Heart Disease	N/A	248.1	262.9	233.5	242.7
Cancer	N/A	219.3	222.6	201.5	193.1
Accidental	N/A	56.1	60.3	60.4	58.8
Suicide	N/A	16.2	15.3	9.9	11.5
Stroke	N/A	66.4	61.0	54.2	62.8
Chronic Other Respiratory Diseases	N/A	82.7	83.7	72.3	69.1

Number of Births to Single Teens by County	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Alcorn	N/A	30	35	40	46
Benton	N/A	10	14	13	9
Calhoun	N/A	12	16	16	21
Chickasaw	N/A	16	23	27	21
Clay	N/A	16	14	12	21
Itawamba	N/A	24	26	21	24
Lafayette	N/A	22	27	33	22
Lee	N/A	80	96	107	81
Lowndes	N/A	36	48	54	60
Marshall	N/A	40	39	42	32
Monroe	N/A	35	27	35	23
Oktibbeha	N/A	22	20	32	26
Pontotoc	N/A	24	31	47	31
Prentiss	N/A	31	31	29	26
Tippah	N/A	22	20	16	13
Tishomingo	N/A	17	14	14	14
Union	N/A	33	40	24	26
Region	N/A	470	521	562	496



REGIONAL PROFILE REPORT SOURCES

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Claritas

ECONOMY

Labor Market Information

Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Employment Composition

Claritas

Per Capita Income

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Claritas

Median Household Income

Claritas

Unemployment Rate

Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Net New Business

Mississippi Department of Employment Security

Household Income less than \$24,999

Claritas

Establishment Composition

Mississippi Department of Employment Security

EDUCATION

Graduation Rate

Mississippi Department of Education

Percent of Pop. 25+ with H. S. Diploma

Claritas

Average Expenditure per Student

Mississippi Department of Education

ACT Average/Number of Tests Taken

Mississippi Department of Education

Average Class Size

Mississippi Department of Education

Accreditation Levels

Mississippi Department of Education

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Number of Births to Single Teens

Mississippi Department of Health

TANF & Food Stamp Payments

Mississippi Department of Human Services

Number of Divorces

Mississippi Department of Health

Number of Divorces involving Children

Mississippi Department of Health

PUBLIC SAFETY

DUI Arrests

Mississippi Department of Public Safety

Traffic Fatalities

Mississippi Department of Public Safety

HOUSING

Percent of Owner Occupied Housing

Claritas

Percent of Renter Occupied Housing

Claritas

Median Home Value

Claritas

HEALTH

Low Birth Weight Index

Mississippi Department of Health

Infant Mortality Weight

Mississippi Department of Health

Percent Prenatal Care

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Death Rate Per 100,000

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