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Northeast Mississippi Regional Profile

2021

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GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 565,022 Households: 221,199

By Gender

2020

Male	48.59%
Female	51.41%

By Race and Ethnicity

2020

White	67.10%
African American	28.37%
Other	4.52%

By Age

2020

Age 0-9	12.04%
Age 10-20	15.47%
Age 21-24	6.67%
Age 25-34	13.01%
Age 35-44	11.70%
Age 45-54	11.70%
Age 55-64	12.28%
Age 65-74	10.08%
Age 75+	7.06%



LABOR MARKET

Residence Based Amounts

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Civilian Labor Force	252,320	255,490	254,670	256,090	254,030
Unemployed	19,440	12,670	11,010	11,680	14,150
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	5.0%	4.3%	4.6%	5.6%
Employed	232,880	242,820	243,660	244,410	239,880

Establishment Based Amounts

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Manufacturing	N/A	48,060	47,520	47,560	47,170
Non-manufacturing	N/A	184,080	180,870	179,620	177,270
Agricultural Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	-	1,490	1,670	1,800	1,510
Mining	-	110	100	120	250
Utilities	-	1,160	1,120	1,090	1,090
Construction	-	7,840	7,630	7,510	8,120
Wholesale Trade	-	5,980	5,820	5,790	5,670
Retail Trade	-	26,590	27,010	27,040	26,450
Transportation & Warehousing	-	9,550	9,140	8,950	9,260
Information	-	2,370	2,420	2,620	2,450
Finance & Insurance	-	5,310	5,040	4,920	4,800
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	-	2,280	2,340	2,280	2,230
Professional Scientific & Technical Services	-	5,360	5,340	5,040	4,830
Management of Companies	-	1,440	1,390	1,380	1,510
Administrative Support & Waste Management	-	15,850	13,480	14,370	14,750
Educational Services	-	1,180	1,150	1,140	1,330
Health Care & Social Assistance	-	28,020	27,550	26,040	24,340
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	-	1,380	1,430	1,410	1,590
Accommodations & Food Services	-	21,460	21,840	21,350	20,540
Other Services (except public administrative)	-	3,750	3,790	3,830	3,840
Government	-	42,960	42,610	42,940	42,710
Education (included in Government total)	-	25,780	25,620	25,880	25,740
Total Non-agricultural Employment	N/A	232,140	228,390	227,180	224,440

ECONOMY

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Per Capita Income	\$37,208	\$34,770	\$37,124	\$34,501	\$32,728
Median Household Income	\$43,187	\$42,900	\$42,519	\$41,276	\$39,475
% of Households with Income Equal or Less Than \$24,999	28.76%	28.76%	30.78%	32.15%	33.60%

Employment Occupational Composition

2020

Professional and Technical	18.52%
Executive, Administrative and Managerial	9.74%
Sales	10.16%
Administrative Support and Clerical	10.52%
Production, Craft and Repair	22.24%
Transportation and Material Moving	10.43%
Handlers, Helpers and Laborers	0.65%
Service	17.74%

Establishment-Based Employment Composition

2019

Manufacturing	20.7%
Non-Manufacturing	79.3%

Per Capita Income by County

2020

Alcorn	\$38,914	Marshall	\$34,165
Benton	\$36,592	Monroe	\$36,295
Calhoun	\$31,411	Oktibbeha	\$35,457
Chickasaw	\$33,450	Pontotoc	\$33,932
Clay	\$36,994	Prentiss	\$31,314
Itawamba	\$36,375	Tippah	\$35,061
Lafayette	\$43,820	Tishomingo	\$34,871
Lee	\$42,365	Union	\$33,027
Lowndes	\$40,717	Region	\$37,208

EDUCATION

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Percent of Population 25+ with HS Diploma	82.63%	81.68%	81.34%	81.16%	79.12%
Average Expenditure per Student	\$10,543	\$10,349	\$10,127	\$9,960	\$9,754
ACT All Students	17.89	17.74	17.91	17.99	18.28
Average Class Size	13.06	12.89	13.45	13.44	13.53

2020 Dropout and Graduation Rates by District

	Dropout Rate	Graduation Rate
Aberdeen	13.4	80.6
Alcorn County	5.1	90.7
Amory	9.4	84.0
Baldwyn	12.3	87.7
Benton County	16.7	79.8
Booneville	12.8	83.3
Calhoun County	4.5	93.3
Chickasaw County	15.6	84.4
Columbus	18.5	76.0
Corinth	0.0	93.3
Holly Springs	1.0	92.7
Houston	6.4	89.1
Itawamba County	8.2	86.6
Lafayette County	6.5	89.8
Lee County	7.1	87.9
Lowndes County	3.9	93.3
Marshall County	11.7	85.0
Monroe County	2.1	97.4
Nettleton	10.1	87.9
New Albany	7.4	88.2
North Tippah	10.5	86.0
Okolona	5.8	94.2
Oxford	4.6	92.8
Pontotoc	6.2	92.7
Pontotoc County	9.5	83.8
Prentiss County	8.2	87.3
South Tippah	2.9	92.4
Starkville Oktibbeha	10.7	83.4
Tishomingo County	4.5	89.1
Tupelo	9.8	87.8
Union County	11.4	84.3
West Point	10.5	84.9
Mississippi	8.8	87.7

ACT Averages By County

	All Students 2020
Alcorn	18.36
Benton	16.80
Calhoun	16.90
Chickasaw	17.25
Clay	15.20
Itawamba	18.40
Lafayette	20.53
Lee	18.03
Lowndes	17.26
Marshall	16.26
Monroe	17.48
Oktibbeha	17.70
Pontotoc	17.46
Prentiss	18.72
Tippah	17.17
Tishomingo	17.80
Union	18.88
Mississippi	17.89

Educational Attainment age 25+

	2020
Graduate/Professional	9.16%
4 Year Degree +	13.51%
Associate's Degree	8.81%
Some College	21.23%
High School Diploma	30.15%
Some High School	11.43%
Some Elementary	5.71%

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Number of Births to Single Teens	N/A	468	470	521	562
TANF & Food Stamp Payments per Household	\$471.30	\$393.44	\$461.95	\$515.54	\$591.65
Number of Divorces	N/A	1700	1935	1786	1968
Number of Divorces Involving Children	N/A	717	868	773	925

HOUSING

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Percent of Owner Occupied Housing	68.25%	68.21%	68.14%	68.13%	68.04%
Percent of Renter Occupied Housing	31.75%	31.79%	31.87%	31.87%	31.96%
Median Home Value	\$135,407	\$130,727	\$122,363	\$115,576	\$110,666



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HEALTH

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Low Birth Weight Index	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.1
Infant Mortality Rate (5 year average)	9.4	9.3	9.6	8.6	10.3
Percent of Prenatal Care/First Trimester	79.6	78.9	80.5	69.5	70.7
Total Number of Births	6,675	6,804	6,853	6,255	6,166
Death Rate per 100,000 Population					
Heart Disease	270.8	248.1	262.9	233.5	242.7
Cancer	221.1	219.3	222.6	201.5	193.1
Accidental	71.9	56.1	60.3	60.4	58.8
Suicide	15.6	16.2	15.3	9.9	11.5
Stroke	63.6	66.4	61.0	54.2	62.8
Chronic Other Respiratory Diseases	83.0	82.7	83.7	72.3	69.1

Number of Births to Single Teens by County

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Alcorn	34	30	35	40	46
Benton	10	10	14	13	9
Calhoun	16	12	16	16	21
Chickasaw	21	16	23	27	21
Clay	28	16	14	12	21
Itawamba	18	24	26	21	24
Lafayette	31	22	27	33	22
Lee	72	80	96	107	81
Lowndes	46	36	48	54	60
Marshall	22	40	39	42	32
Monroe	23	35	27	35	23
Oktribbeha	22	22	20	32	26
Pontotoc	37	24	31	47	31
Prentiss	22	31	31	29	26
Tippah	26	22	20	16	13
Tishomingo	12	17	14	14	14
Union	28	33	40	24	26
Region	468	470	521	562	496

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EDUCATION

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SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Number of Births to Single Teens
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HOUSING

Percent of Owner Occupied Housing
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Median Home Value

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HEALTH

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