

2025



FORREST COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



77,917
POPULATION

0.2%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE



WORKFORCE

38,867 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
42,460 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.3% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME



20.8
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE

\$49,743

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE

\$55,718

COST OF LIVING INDEX

FORREST COUNTY **87.4**
HATTIESBURG MSA **89.2**
MISSISSIPPI **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$49,340

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



22.8%

POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**

4.2%

Private union membership in county

\$4.8 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **19.8%** to the 2023 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FOOD
MANUFACTURING**
2.56 LQ



**AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED**
1.66 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.65 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.54 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
1.51 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Forrest General Health Services, Inc.	Hattiesburg, MS	General Medical and Surgical Hospital	3,500
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS	Colleges and Universities	2,300
Hattiesburg Clinic	Hattiesburg, MS	Physicians and Health Practitioners	2,218
Camp Shelby	Hattiesburg, MS	Military Base	1,800
Mar-Jac Poultry	Hattiesburg, MS	Food Manufacturing	1,150