

2025



# SMITH COUNTY

## MISSISSIPPI

 **14,310**  
POPULATION

**3.1%** **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (NOV 24)

### WORKFORCE

**5,535** LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION  
**3,326** TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY  
**931** TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE  
COMMUTE TIME  
 **29.6**  
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE  
**\$47,850**

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE  
**\$61,320**

### COST OF LIVING INDEX

SMITH COUNTY  **84.4**  
MISSISSIPPI **87.1**  
U.S. = 100



**\$51,983**  
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



**18.2%**  
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO  
WORK STATE**

**6.1%**

Private union membership in county

## \$441 MILLION

### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **39%** to the 2023 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

### LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**WOOD/PAPER**  
32.72 LQ



**AGRICULTURAL**  
7.58 LQ



**COAL/OIL/POWER**  
5.45 LQ



**METAL & PRODUCTS  
MANUFACTURING**  
3.87 LQ



**TEXTILE/LEATHER**  
3.87 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

			# OF EMPLOYEES
West Jasper Consolidated Schools	Bay Springs, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	419
Smith County School District	Raleigh, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	400
Nexteer Automotive Corporation	Morton, MS	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	341
Southern Pine Electric Cooperative	Taylorsville, MS	Electricity Generation and Distribution	260
Roseburg Forest Products Co.	Taylorsville, MS	Wood Products	104