



Economic Overview

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County)



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Demographic Profile

The population in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) was 500,346 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 227,172 with a participation rate of 58.3%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County), 24.6% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is \$58,551 and the median house value is \$179,428.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive- time (County)	Mississippi	USA	Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive- time (County)	Mississippi	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	500,346	2,951,438	332,387,540
Male	49.1%	48.5%	49.5%	245,758	1,431,521	164,545,087
Female	50.9%	51.5%	50.5%	254,588	1,519,917	167,842,453
Median Age ²	—	—	—	37.7	38.4	38.7
Under 18 Years	23.3%	23.5%	22.2%	116,792	692,335	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	9.8%	9.8%	9.1%	48,857	288,805	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	13.3%	12.6%	13.7%	66,631	371,030	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	12.8%	12.6%	13.1%	64,048	371,160	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	12.0%	12.1%	12.3%	59,944	356,035	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	12.8%	12.8%	12.8%	64,130	376,958	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	9.7%	10.2%	10.0%	48,650	300,288	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	6.3%	6.6%	6.8%	31,294	194,827	22,676,920
Race: White	65.9%	56.3%	63.4%	329,777	1,661,873	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	23.7%	37.0%	12.4%	118,586	1,090,777	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.4%	0.9%	1,142	13,181	2,924,996
Race: Asian	1.9%	1.0%	5.8%	9,304	28,918	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	418	1,411	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	2.1%	1.7%	6.6%	10,328	49,104	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	6.2%	3.6%	10.7%	30,791	106,174	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.9%	3.6%	19.0%	29,431	106,126	63,131,589
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	504,500	2,939,690	334,914,895
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	0.5%	-0.2%	0.6%	2,374	-5,015	1,885,495
People per Square Mile ⁴	—	—	—	124.7	62.6	94.8
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	58.3%	57.0%	63.3%	227,172	1,326,878	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	77.8%	77.6%	83.0%	144,507	844,419	107,055,165
Work from Home	5.2%	5.3%	13.5%	10,990	65,344	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	1.9%	0.6%	0.5%	7,548	13,452	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	8.1%	4.7%	4.2%	23,977	82,972	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	76.2%	72.7%	77.0%	18,267	60,306	6,478,181
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$58,551	\$54,915	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$31,130	\$30,529	\$43,289

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	Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive- time (County)	Mississippi	USA	Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive- time (County)	Mississippi	USA
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	24.9	25.6	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.2%	0.3%	3.5%	423	3,137	5,528,841
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	10.7%	12.0%	10.0%	27,372	177,432	17,176,172
High School Graduate	27.9%	29.1%	25.0%	71,056	429,221	43,057,491
Some College, No Degree	23.6%	22.1%	19.3%	60,195	325,610	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	13.1%	12.1%	9.2%	33,447	177,946	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	15.9%	15.3%	22.8%	40,484	226,017	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	8.7%	9.4%	13.8%	22,199	138,957	23,764,438
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	218,682	1,332,811	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$179,428	\$161,400	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%	1,745	8,067	850,724
Rental Vacancy	7.9%	8.6%	5.5%	5,642	32,951	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	34.0%	30.5%	35.0%	65,324	345,471	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	66.0%	69.5%	65.0%	126,820	786,289	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	5.7%	6.2%	8.3%	10,998	69,820	10,602,826
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	17.2%	19.1%	12.4%	83,346	543,697	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	13.4%	13.6%	11.8%	25,752	154,243	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	6,681	38,915	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth ³	2.4%	3.6%	2.4%	645	6,138	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	41.8%	45.3%	34.0%	44,704	289,806	23,701,745
Uninsured	12.9%	11.6%	8.6%	62,622	334,916	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	18.0%	15.4%	10.7%	52,153	263,182	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	44.3%	38.7%	47.0%	23,098	101,982	10,001,264
Foreign Born	3.4%	2.4%	13.9%	17,154	70,565	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	2.2%	1.7%	8.4%	10,568	46,356	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

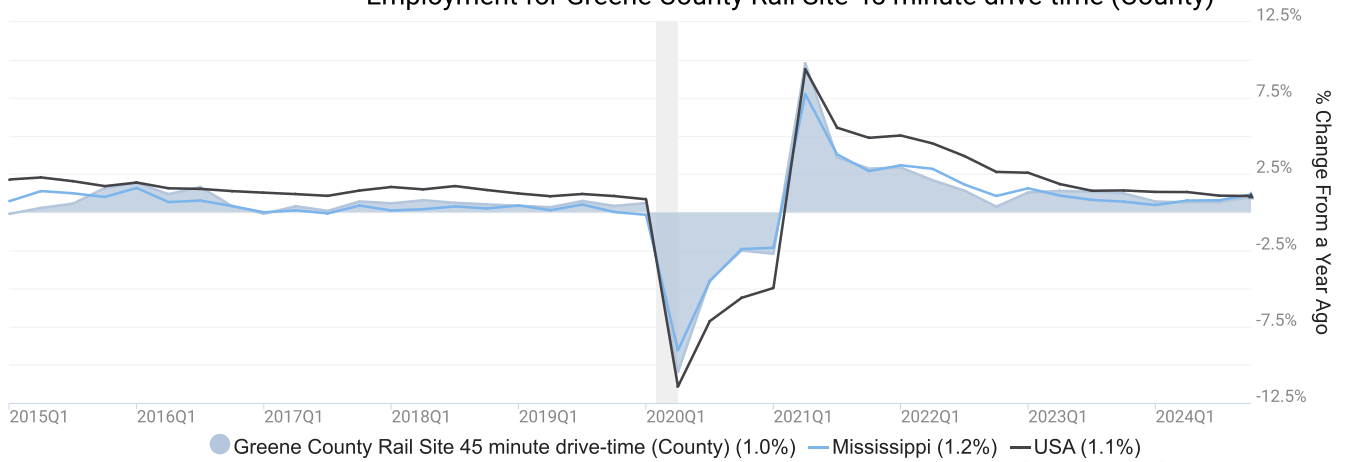
4. Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

As of 2024Q4, total employment for the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) was 210,522 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q4, employment increased 1.0% in the region.

Employment for Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County)

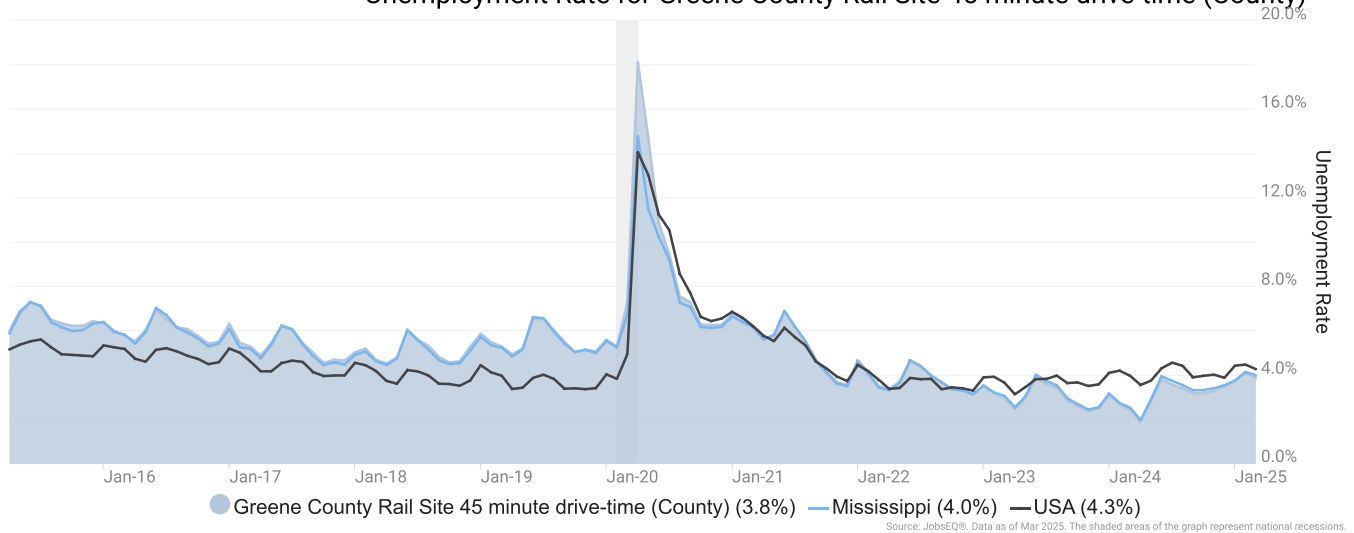


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) was 3.8% as of March 2025. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 4.3%. One year earlier, in March 2024, the unemployment rate in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) was 2.4%.

Unemployment Rate for Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County)

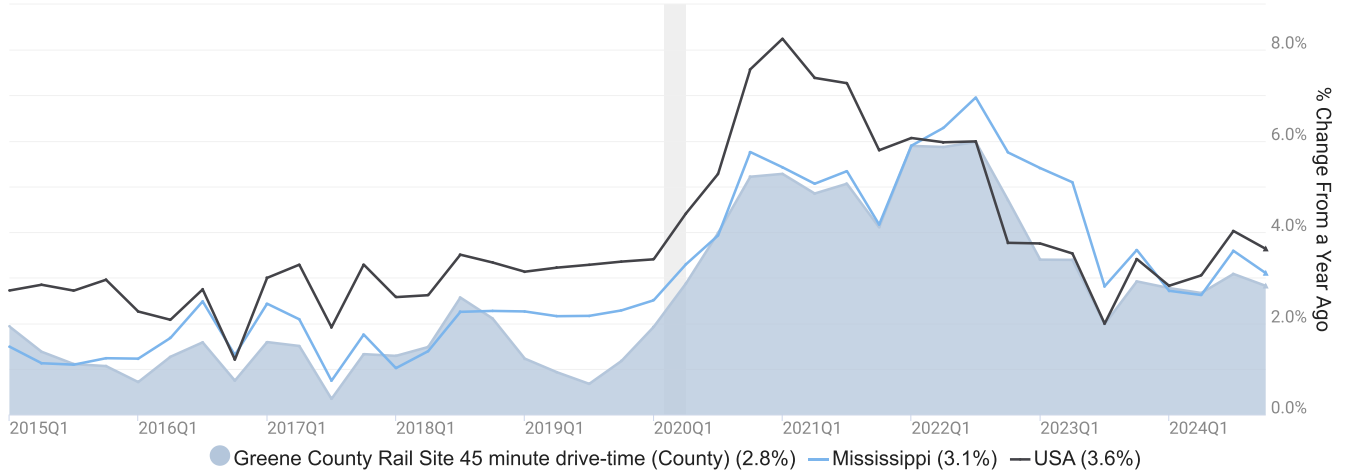


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through March 2025.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) earned annual wages of \$50,137 as of 2024Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$73,145 in the nation as of 2024Q4.

Average Annual Wages for Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County)



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 8.8% lower in Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) than the U.S. average.

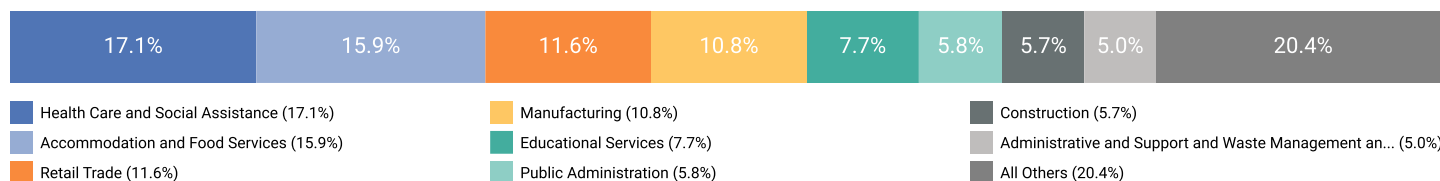
	Cost of Living Information		
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County)	\$50,137	91.2	\$54,964
Mississippi	\$49,518	87.3	\$56,728
USA	\$73,145	100.0	\$73,145

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)
Data as of 2024Q4
Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2024Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 35,915 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Accommodation and Food Services (33,478 workers) and Retail Trade (24,361). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Accommodation and Food Services (LQ = 1.83), Utilities (1.79), and Manufacturing (1.38).

Total Workers for Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4

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Sectors in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) with the highest average wages per worker are Utilities (\$117,051), Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$93,264), and Manufacturing (\$74,689). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+2,771 jobs), Retail Trade (+986), and Manufacturing (+558).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is projected to expand by 287 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services with a +0.6% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+187 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+86), and Construction (+41).

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County), 2024Q4¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	35,915	\$59,726	1.13	2,771	1.6%	3,689	1,596	1,905	187	0.5%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	33,478	\$26,686	1.83	265	0.2%	6,027	2,530	3,410	86	0.3%
44	Retail Trade	24,361	\$34,157	1.19	986	0.8%	3,208	1,395	1,928	-115	-0.5%
31	Manufacturing	22,762	\$74,689	1.38	558	0.5%	2,281	845	1,449	-13	-0.1%
61	Educational Services	16,234	\$47,745	0.95	-362	-0.4%	1,519	687	831	0	0.0%
92	Public Administration	12,293	\$61,305	1.24	474	0.8%	1,124	451	674	-1	0.0%
23	Construction	11,929	\$58,519	0.95	107	0.2%	1,059	376	643	41	0.3%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	10,526	\$35,746	0.82	-470	-0.9%	1,203	477	717	9	0.1%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	7,733	\$30,733	0.86	115	0.3%	900	359	519	22	0.3%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	6,402	\$69,522	0.42	161	0.5%	551	191	324	35	0.6%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	6,185	\$54,278	0.59	-219	-0.7%	682	272	398	11	0.2%
52	Finance and Insurance	4,836	\$63,116	0.59	246	1.1%	399	153	246	0	0.0%
42	Wholesale Trade	3,766	\$59,274	0.48	387	2.2%	375	140	235	-1	0.0%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	3,406	\$23,114	0.77	373	2.3%	513	199	300	13	0.4%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,800	\$48,553	0.75	22	0.2%	270	118	149	3	0.1%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,321	\$93,264	0.71	280	2.6%	206	73	122	11	0.5%
22	Utilities	1,956	\$117,051	1.79	95	1.0%	171	63	108	0	0.0%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,919	\$37,899	0.76	1	0.0%	231	111	124	-4	-0.2%
51	Information	1,627	\$53,761	0.40	-224	-2.5%	134	51	89	-7	-0.4%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	74	\$70,431	0.10	-69	-12.4%	7	2	5	0	0.3%
Total - All Industries		210,522	\$50,137	1.00	5,496	0.5%	23,114	9,399	13,429	287	0.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2024Q4

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations, employing 24,200 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (23,103 workers) and Sales and Related Occupations (18,779). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (LQ = 1.40), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (1.38), and Personal Care and Service Occupations (1.38).

Occupation groups in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$99,900), Legal Occupations (\$92,700), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$92,000). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.0% among Legal Occupations to 6.7% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +0.9% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+89 jobs) and Healthcare Support Occupations (+74). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (4,598 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (2,592).

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County), 2024Q4¹

SOC	Occupation	Current				5-Year History				1-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	24,200	\$27,900	1.40	1,124	4.6%	1,580	1,017	0.9%	4,660	1,975	2,623	62	0.3%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	23,103	\$41,200	0.94	667	2.6%	825	-521	-0.4%	2,391	1,092	1,429	-130	-0.6%
41-0000	Sales and Related	18,779	\$38,300	1.03	815	4.0%	1,735	20	0.0%	2,491	1,139	1,453	-100	-0.5%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	17,352	\$90,700	1.38	171	1.0%	1,802	1,635	2.0%	1,062	502	471	89	0.5%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	15,834	\$41,800	0.87	803	4.6%	902	572	0.7%	2,060	789	1,233	38	0.2%
51-0000	Production	15,415	\$53,300	1.35	587	3.9%	304	-235	-0.3%	1,601	595	1,047	-40	-0.3%
11-0000	Management	12,426	\$99,900	0.76	182	1.4%	922	1,564	2.7%	1,054	351	644	59	0.5%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	10,798	\$50,600	0.95	206	2.0%	362	-170	-0.3%	936	428	498	10	0.1%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	10,606	\$52,200	1.13	467	4.2%	282	-126	-0.2%	934	330	562	42	0.4%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	9,547	\$54,700	1.17	237	2.3%	554	399	0.9%	865	339	493	33	0.3%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	8,559	\$75,900	0.63	201	2.1%	518	1,013	2.6%	718	241	449	28	0.3%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	8,229	\$31,400	1.19	329	3.8%	542	-485	-1.1%	1,118	495	614	9	0.1%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	7,986	\$33,100	0.81	225	2.6%	538	543	1.4%	1,183	481	629	74	0.9%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	7,545	\$39,300	1.38	286	3.6%	234	-292	-0.8%	1,268	456	782	30	0.4%
33-0000	Protective Service	5,251	\$41,700	1.15	163	2.8%	133	-11	0.0%	549	214	333	1	0.0%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	3,562	\$50,600	0.91	65	1.9%	371	34	0.2%	346	139	183	24	0.7%

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15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	2,738	\$82,200	0.41	78	2.1%	205	229	1.8%	177	60	100	17	0.6%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	2,686	\$92,000	0.81	50	1.7%	270	132	1.0%	196	69	115	12	0.5%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	2,364	\$57,200	0.61	70	2.9%	153	87	0.7%	234	94	135	5	0.2%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	1,641	\$78,900	0.85	38	2.5%	104	142	1.8%	149	27	117	5	0.3%
23-0000	Legal	1,144	\$92,700	0.66	12	1.0%	38	-46	-0.8%	66	27	37	1	0.1%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	760	\$44,100	0.63	57	6.7%	42	-2	-0.1%	108	44	66	-2	-0.3%
Total - All Occupations		210,522	\$52,300	1.00	6,832	3.1%	12,417	5,496	0.5%	24,183	9,887	14,012	284	0.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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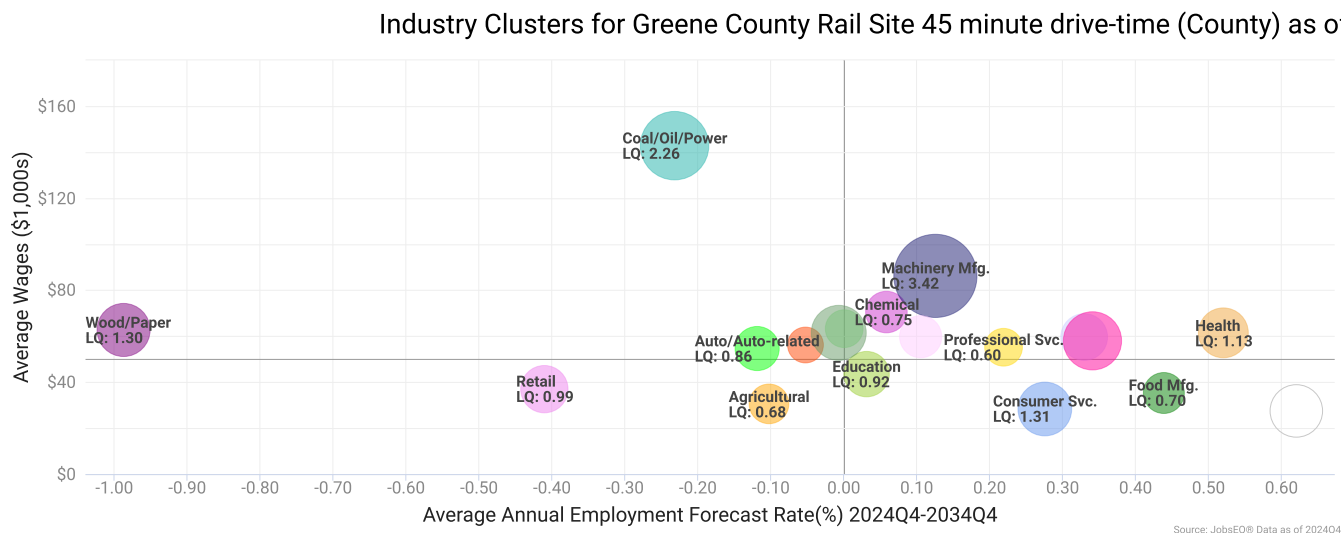
2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2024Q3, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2024 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) with the highest relative concentration is Machinery Mfg. with a location quotient of 3.42. This cluster employs 12,877 workers in the region with an average wage of \$86,295. Employment in the Machinery Mfg. cluster is projected to expand in the region about 0.1% per year over the next ten years.

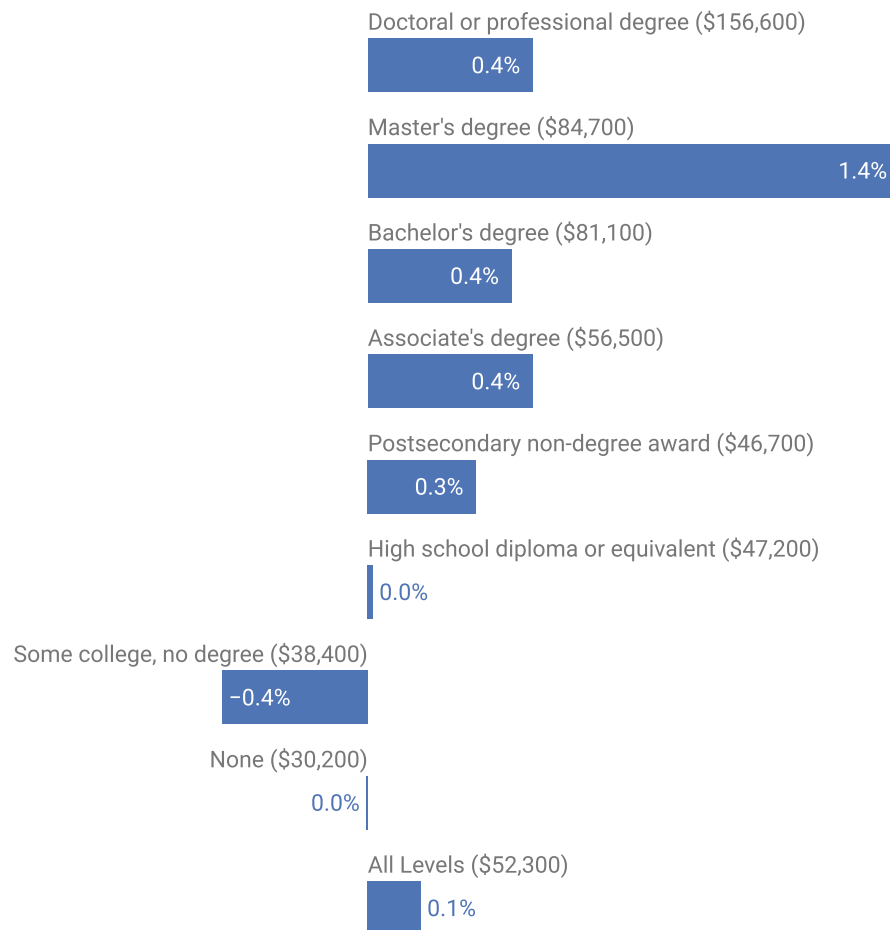


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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is projected to grow 0.1% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.4% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.4% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.4% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

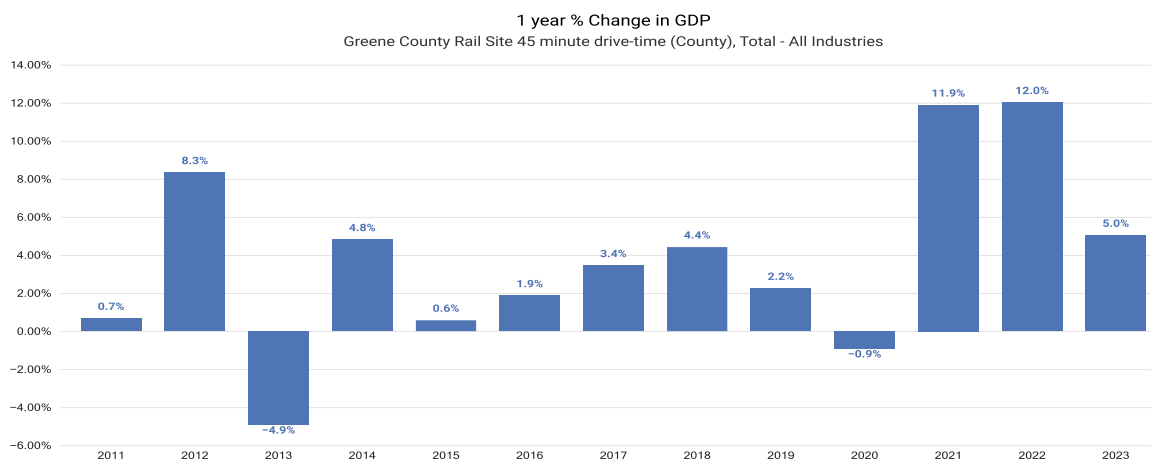


Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2024Q4. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2023, nominal GDP in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) expanded 5.0%. This follows growth of 12.0% in 2022. As of 2023, total GDP in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) was \$28,119,553,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Of the sectors in the Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County), Manufacturing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2023, \$6,426,315,000. The next-largest contributions came from Health Care and Social Assistance (\$3,389,356,000); Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (\$3,056,023,000); and Retail Trade (\$2,159,091,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County), 2023

Manufacturing (31)

\$6,426

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

\$3,389

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$3,056

Retail Trade (44)

\$2,159

Accommodation and Food Services (72)

\$1,937

Educational Services (61)

\$1,382

Public Administration (92)

\$1,344

Unclassified (99)

\$1,276

Utilities (22)

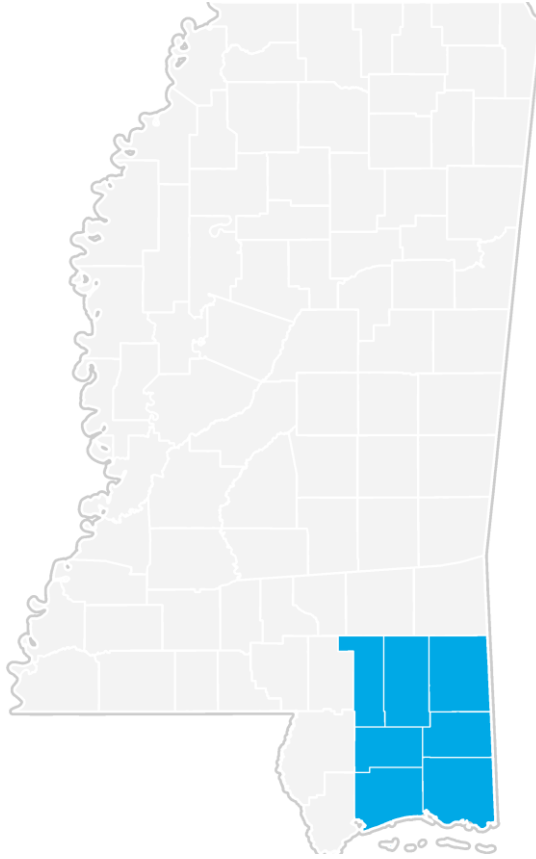
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Construction (23)

\$892

Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2023.

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) Regional Map



Region Definition

Greene County Rail Site 45 minute drive-time (County) is defined as the following counties:

Forrest County, Mississippi

George County, Mississippi

Greene County, Mississippi

Harrison County, Mississippi

Jackson County, Mississippi

Perry County, Mississippi

Stone County, Mississippi

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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