

BUSINESS CLIMATE FLYERS 2026



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



COUNTIES

Adams	George	Lamar	Simpson
Amite	Greene	Lawrence	Smith
Attala	Grenada	Leflore	Stone
Bolivar	Hancock	Lincoln	Sunflower
Carroll	Harrison	Marion	Tallahatchie
Choctaw	Hinds	Montgomery	Tunica
Claiborne	Holmes	Newton	Walthall
Clarke	Humphreys	Pearl River	Warren
Coahoma	Issaquena	Perry	Washington
Copiah	Jackson	Pike	Wayne
Covington	Jasper	Quitman	Webster
DeSoto	Jefferson	Rankin	Wilkinson
Forrest	Jefferson Davis	Scott	Yazoo
Franklin	Jones	Sharkey	



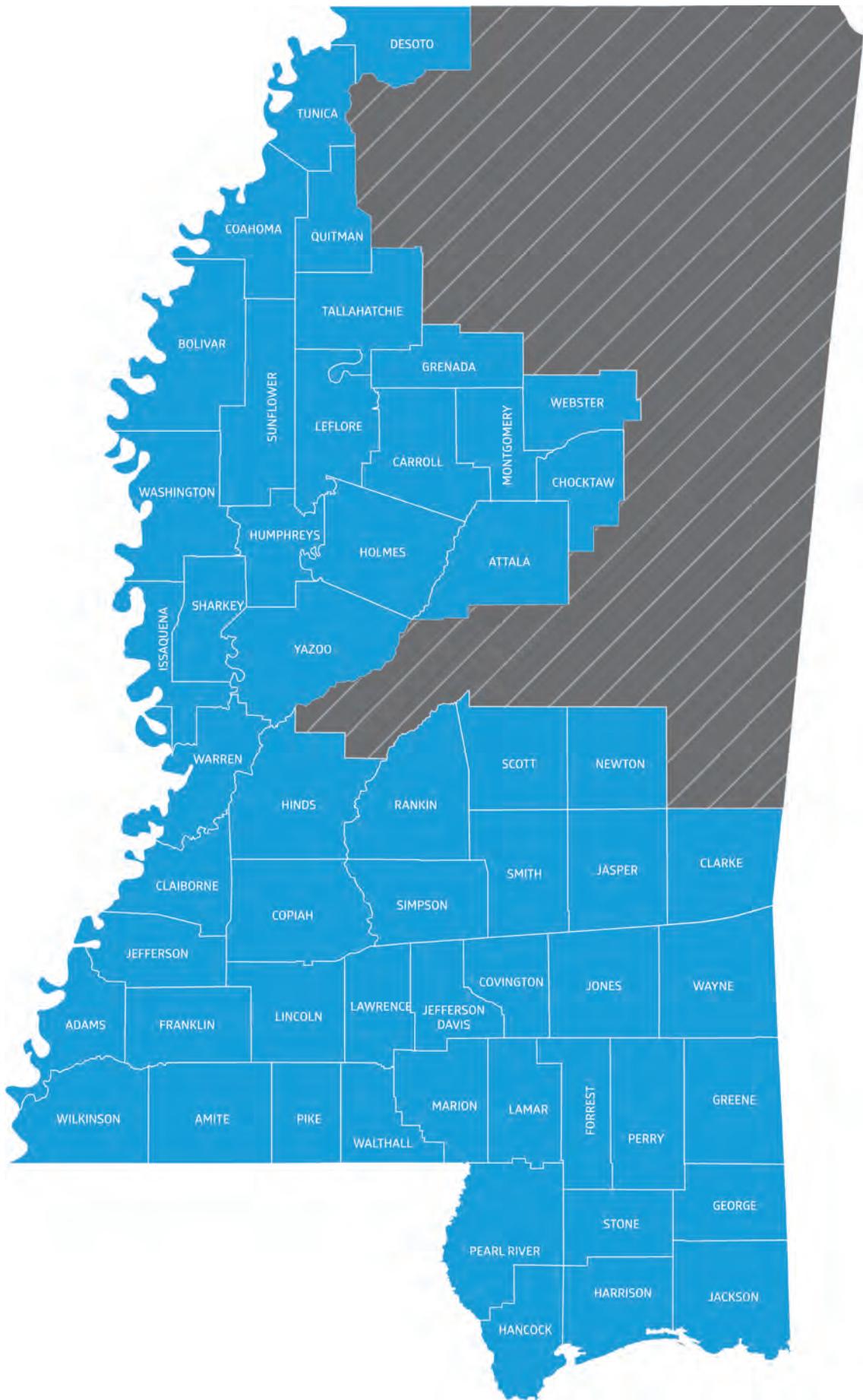
MSA

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA

Hattiesburg MSA

Jackson MSA

Memphis MSA



2026

ADAMS COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



29,098
POPULATION

5.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

10,729 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
10,990 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
425 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **20.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,729

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$56,049

COST OF LIVING INDEX

ADAMS COUNTY |  85.2
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$40,250
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



28.2%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.8%

Private union membership in county

\$1.2 BILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate, Rental & Leasing**, contributed 18% to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



COAL/OIL/POWER
3.13 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
2.91 LQ



UTILITIES
2.82 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
2.05 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.97 LQ
Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Natchez-Adams School District	Natchez, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	750
Jordan Carriers	Natchez, MS	Trucking	490
Natchez Hospital Company, LLC	Natchez, MS	Hospitals	390
Merit Health	Natchez, MS	Hospitals	300
Marcal Paper Mills, LLC	Natchez, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing	266

2026

AMITE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **12,611**
POPULATION

4.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,121 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,605 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
475 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **36.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$43,797

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$58,293

COST OF LIVING INDEX

AMITE COUNTY |  **79.2**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$35,385
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
27.0%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
5.0%

Private union membership in county

\$277 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **23.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
21.45 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
11.59 LQ



CHEMICAL
4.05 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.91 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.75 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Sherman Missionary Baptist Church	Magnolia, MS	Church	375
Amite County School District	Liberty, MS	Public education	250
Gloster Forest Products	Gloster, MS	Wood Product Manufacturing	131
County of Amite	Liberty, MS	Executive and Legislature	90
Wallace Lumber Company	Summit, MS	Wood Product Manufacturing	70

2026

ATTALA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



17,685
POPULATION

4.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

7,822 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,237 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
635 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **33.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,679

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$54,964

COST OF LIVING INDEX

ATTALA COUNTY |  **85.6**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$48,098
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **20.7%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.1%

Private union membership in county

\$528 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **20.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
7.20 LQ



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
3.85 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
3.14 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
2.05 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.92 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Attala Community Care Center, LLLC	Kosciusko MS	Nursing and Residential Care	298
Kosciusko School District	Kosciusko, MS	Primary and Secondary Schools	275
Attala County School District	Kosciusko, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	230
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	Kosciusko, MS	Food Manufacturing	225
PQR, Inc.	Kosciusko, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing	150



2026

BOLIVAR COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



30,163
POPULATION

5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

11,894 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
11,563 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,133 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **19.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$45,204

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$62,459

COST OF LIVING INDEX

BOLIVAR COUNTY |  **83.9**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$37,315
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **33.7%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.9%

Private union membership in county

\$1.3 BILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **15.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



PHARMACEUTICAL
23.79 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
5.95 LQ



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
2.29 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.13 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
1.68 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Delta State University	Cleveland, MS	Colleges and Universities	540
Monsanto Company	Scott, MS	Crop and Animal Production	530
Legacy Lifepoint Health, LLC	Cleveland, MS	Hospitals	328
Faurcia Automotive Seating, LLC	Cleveland, MS	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	300
County of Bolivar	Cleveland, MS	Executive and Legislature	295



2026

CARROLL COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



9,828
POPULATION

4.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

3,767 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
1,504 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
143 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **30.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$38,940

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$47,840

COST OF LIVING INDEX

CARROLL COUNTY |  **80.5**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$55,275
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



22.4%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.7%

Private union membership in county

\$153 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed 18% to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
14.44 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
8.11 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
7.22 LQ



METAL & PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING
3.86 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
2.38 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Carroll County School District	Carrollton, MS	Public Education	170
Malouf Construction Services, Inc.	Sidon, MS	Residential and Commercial Building Construction	135
County of Carroll	Carrollton, MS	County Government	75
Satelites Unlimited, Inc.	Grennwood, MS	Electronics and Appliances Stores	70
Anel Corporation	Winona, MS	Metal Products Manufacturing	67



2026

CHOCTAW COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



8,172
POPULATION

4.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

3,329 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,570 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
312 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **28.1**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$51,799

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$55,061

COST OF LIVING INDEX

CHOCTAW COUNTY |  81.1
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$48,321
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **15.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.4%

Private union membership in county

\$438 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Utilities**, contributed **25.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



COAL/OIL/POWER
16.69 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
13.48 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
11.69 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
4.10 LQ



MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING
1.89 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Choctaw County School District	Ackerman, MS	Public Education	178
French Camp Academy	French Camp, MS	Social and Rehabilitation Services	160
Mississippi Lignite Mining Co	Weir, MS	Coal Mining	120
Choctaw Generation Limited Partnership, LLLP	Ackerman, MS	Electricity Generation & Distribution	72
Forrester & Associates, LLC	Ackerman, MS	Forestry and Logging	50

2026

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



8,908
POPULATION

9.3%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

2,702 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,482 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
138 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
28.1
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$68,285

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$66,830

COST OF LIVING INDEX

CLAIBORNE COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI
U.S. = 100



\$34,371
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



27.2%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
6.5%

Private union membership in county

\$1.1 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Utilities**, contributed **82.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



COAL/OIL/POWER
28.38 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.46 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
3.38 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.68 LQ



EDUCATION
2.55 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Alcorn State University	Lorman, MS	4-Year University	840
Grand Gulf Nuclear	Port Gibson, MS	Nuclear power generation facility	+700
Claiborne County School District	Port Gibson, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	250
Claiborne County	Port Gibson, MS	Executive and Legislature	120
Claiborne County Medical Center	Port Gibson, MS	Hospitals	102



2026

CLARKE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



15,424
POPULATION

4.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

6,360 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,522 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
380 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **31.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,505

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$52,242

COST OF LIVING INDEX

CLARKE COUNTY |  86.8
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$46,054
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **19.2%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.5%

Private union membership in county

\$318 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **19.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



TEXTILE/LEATHER
13.62 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
7.98 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
6.72 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.39 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.88 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Quitman School District	Quitman, MS	Public Education	300
Clarke County	Quitman, MS	Executive offices	148
Dart Container of Mississippi, LLC	Quitman, MS	Rubber and Plastic Product Manufacturing	140
Enterprise School District	Enterprise, MS	Public Education	130
Calidum Company, Inc.	Stonewall, MS	Electrical Equipment and Appliances Manufacturing	116



2026

COAHOMA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

**20,808**
POPULATION**7.4%****UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

8,279 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
7,071 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
537 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME
 **20.4** MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$45,166

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$56,139

COST OF LIVING INDEX

COAHOMA COUNTY |  **81.4**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$36,259
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



36.3%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO WORK STATE
3.3%

Private union membership in county

\$809.5 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed **14.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
9.42 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.62 LQ



MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING
2.36 LQ



CHEMICAL
2.04 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.77 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Clarksdale HMA LLC	Clarksdale, MS	Hospitals	495
Clarksdale Municipal School District	Clarksdale, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	427
Coahoma County School District	Clarksdale, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	400
Coahoma Community College	Clarksdale, MS	Colleges and Universities	362
Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center	Clarksdale, MS	Physicians and Health Practitioners	185

2026

COPIAH COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



27,994
POPULATION

4.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

11,328 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
7,431 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,377 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **30.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,009

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$52,210

COST OF LIVING INDEX



\$47,994
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



23.0%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
6.7%

Private union membership in county

\$659 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **22.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
7.87 LQ



TEXTILE/LEATHER
6.77 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.33 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.37 LQ



CHEMICAL
3.26 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Sanderson Farms, Inc.	Hazelhurst, MS	Poultry Product Manufacturing	1,480
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.	Hazelhurst, MS	Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	760
DG Foods, LLC	Hazelhurst, MS	Poultry Product Manufacturing	500
Copiah County School District	Hazlehurst, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	406
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson, MS	Colleges and Universities	223



2026

COVINGTON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



18,226
POPULATION

3.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

7,967 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
6,508 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,618 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **26.1**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$46,051

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$49,280

COST OF LIVING INDEX

COVINGTON COUNTY |  **83.6**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$47,001
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **17.7%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
5.1%

Private union membership in county

\$676 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **23.9%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
18.51 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
7.20 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.88 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.60 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
2.06 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Wayne-Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division)	Collins, MS	Poultry Product Manufacturing	1,480
Wayne-Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division)	Collins, MS	Poultry Product Manufacturing	900
Covington County School District	Collins, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	471
Covington County Hospital	Collins, MS	Hospitals	350
W.E. Blain & Sons, Inc.	Mount Olive, MS	Civil Engineering	250



2026

DESOTO COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



188,598
POPULATION

1.4%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE 

WORKFORCE

98,076 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
80,434 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.6% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **26.3**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$45,621

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$67,168

COST OF LIVING INDEX

DESO TO COUNTY		91.2
MEMPHIS MSA		89.5
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$82,980
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **10.0%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.3%

Private union membership in county

\$8.2 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Transportation and Warehousing**, contributed **15.9%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
2.23 LQ



CONSUMER
SERVICES
1.98 LQ



TEXTILE/LEATHER
1.88 LQ



RETAIL
1.43 LQ



UTILITIES
1.04 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Desoto County Schools	Olive Branch, MS	Public School System	3,872
Amazon	Olive Branch, MS	Fulfillment Centers	3,300
Milwaukee Electric Tool	Olive Branch, MS	Distribution of Portable Electric Tools	3,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Olive Branch, MS	Healthcare	1,750
Williams-Sonoma Distribution	Hernando, MS	Distribution of Kitchen-Related Products	1,000

2026

FORREST COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



78,027
POPULATION

0.3%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

39,043 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
41,703 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.6% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
21.2
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$51,288

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$58,225

COST OF LIVING INDEX

FORREST COUNTY		88.1
HATTIESBURG MSA		89.7
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$52,821
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



21.5%
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
3.7%

Private union membership in county

\$5.1 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **20.4%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
2.37 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.73 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.57 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.52 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
1.50 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

2026

FRANKLIN COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **7,655**
POPULATION

5.0%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

2,770 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
1,871 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
173 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **37.1**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$44,135

AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY,
FISHING AND HUNTING WAGE
\$37,598

COST OF LIVING INDEX

FRANKLIN COUNTY |  80.6
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$45,618
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
23.3%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.5%

Private union membership in county

\$181 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **16%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
8.56 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
5.78 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.09 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
3.98 LQ



UTILITIES
2.46 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

		# OF EMPLOYEES
TELAPEX, INC.	Meadville, MS	Data Processing 330
Franklin County School District	Meadville, MS	Primary and Secondary Education 275
Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Meadville, MS	Hospitals 125
Grace and Mercy Personal Care	Meadville, MS	Nursing Homes & Long-term Care Facilities 120
County of Franklin	Meadville, MS	Executive and Legislature 71

2026

GEORGE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



24,870
POPULATION

1.0%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

9,276 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
6,203 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
4.9% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
 (Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
32.9
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,236

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$62,431

COST OF LIVING INDEX

GEORGE COUNTY | 89.9
 MISSISSIPPI | 87.1
 U.S. = 100



\$54,822
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
18.7%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.0%

Private union membership in county

\$583 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Retail Trade**, contributed **16.2%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURE
4.55 LQ



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
3.65 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.43 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.22 LQ



TEXTILE/LEATHER
1.95 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

George County School District	Lucedale, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	400
Volt Power, LLC	Lucedale, MS	Civil Engineering	218
Singing River Electric Power Association	Lucedale, MS	Electric Utility	124
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Lucedale, MS	Colleges and Universities	72
American Tank & Vessel, Inc.	Lucedale, MS	Metal Products Manufacturing	62

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GREENE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



13,595
POPULATION

7.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

3,655 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,345 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
262 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **43.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,143

AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY,
FISHING AND HUNTING WAGE
\$37,181

COST OF LIVING INDEX

GREENE COUNTY |  **84.9**
 MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
 U.S. = 100



\$55,838
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **20.5%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.3%

Private union membership in county

\$200 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Public Administration**, contributed **15.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
10.20 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
7.69 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
7.40 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
2.64 LQ



EDUCATION
1.55 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Greene County School District	Leakesville, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	350
Jackson HMA, LLC	Leakesville, MS	Ambulatory Services	266
Mississippi Department of Corrections	Leakesville, MS	Executive and Legislature	80
NXS Powerline, LLC	Lucedale, MS	Civil Engineering	52
AI-Tom Forest Products	Richton, MS	Wood Products Manufacturing	47



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GRENADA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



21,342
POPULATION

4.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

9,441 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
10,248 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
2,543 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **21.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$43,999

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$55,253

COST OF LIVING INDEX

GRENADA COUNTY |  **80.2**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$47,998
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



22.3%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.5%

Private union membership in county

\$1.1 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **31.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING**
9.53 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
6.69 LQ



**METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING**
2.74 LQ



CHEMICAL
1.88 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.81 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Modine	Grenada, MS	Motor and Generator Manufacturing	2,800
Grenada School District	Grenada, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	680
Advanced Distributor Products (ADP)	Grenada, MS	HVAC Equipment Manufacturing	600
Lake Grenada Medical Center Inc.	Grenada, MS	Hospitals	360
NPX One LLC	Grenada, MS	Rubber and Plastic Product Manufacturing	246



2026

HANCOCK COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



46,057
POPULATION

0.1%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

22,295 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
15,557 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.3% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **33.0**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$61,257

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$92,947

COST OF LIVING INDEX

HANCOCK COUNTY |  **98.8**
GULFPORT-BILOXI MSA | **92.7**
MISSISSIPPI | **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$67,728
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **13.3%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.5%

Private union membership in county

\$2.2 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Manufacturing contributed **12.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county. The **largest contributing sector** was **Public Administration**.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
4.62 LQ



CHEMICAL
3.39 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.59 LQ



CONSUMER
SERVICE
1.30 LQ



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
1.21 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

United States Department of the Navy	Stennis Space Center, MS	U.S. Military - Navy	1,753
Hancock County School District	Kilm, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	650
Syncom Space Systems	Stennis Space Center, MS	Services	600
NASA Civil Service	Stennis Space Center, MS	Services	445
Ochsner Medical	Bay St. Louis, MS	Hospitals	400



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HARRISON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



209,443
POPULATION

0.7%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

94,855 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
95,814 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.7% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **23.3**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$48,570

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$72,005

COST OF LIVING INDEX



 **\$57,233**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **17.4%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.3%

Private union membership in county

\$12.8 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed 15% to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



CONSUMER SERVICES
1.80 LQ



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
1.50 LQ



UTILITIES
1.49 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.17 LQ



RETAIL
1.11 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Keesler Air Force Base	Biloxi, MS	Military Base	11,276
Naval Construction Battalion Center	Gulfport, MS	Military Base	5,500
Memorial Hospital	Gulfport, MS	Hospitals	4,800
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino	Biloxi, MS	Casinos	2,930
Harrison County School District	Gulfport, MS	Education	2,200

2026

HINDS COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



222,494
POPULATION



**UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE** | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT25)

WORKFORCE

105,615 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
118,626 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
4,726 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **22.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$58,744

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$64,977

COST OF LIVING INDEX

HINDS COUNTY		88.5
JACKSON MSA		90.6
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$49,966
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



21.6%
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
6.1%

Private union membership in county

\$15.4 BILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **19.4%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
2.17 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.75 LQ



EDUCATION
1.36 LQ



CHEMICAL
1.19 LQ



**FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION**
0.98 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

The State of Mississippi	Jackson, MS	Executive and Legislature	27,780
The University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson, MS	Hospitals	9,200
University Physicians, PLLC	Jackson, MS	Hospitals	5,080
Jackson Public School District	Jackson, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	4,200
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center	Jackson, MS	Hospitals	3,000

2026

HOLMES COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **16,491**
POPULATION

6.9% UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

5,747 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,663 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
370 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **34.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,364

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$63,306

COST OF LIVING INDEX

HOLMES COUNTY |  **82.1**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$29,434**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **38.0%**
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
3.6%

Private union membership in county

\$339 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **17.1%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
8.21 LQ



ELECTRIC/
ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURING
7.18 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.82 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
3.53 LQ



EDUCATION
2.16 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Holmes County School District	Lexington, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	530
Holmes Community College	Goodman, MS	Community Colleges	500
Lexington Homes, Inc.	Lexington, MS	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	170
Continue Care Holding Corporation	Durant, MS	Home Health Care Services	133
University of Mississippi	Durant, MS	Nursing and Residential Care	76

2026

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



7,570
POPULATION

7.3%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

3,082 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,276 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
595 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **25.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$39,508

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$33,934

COST OF LIVING INDEX

HUMPHREYS COUNTY |  **83.9**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$32,976**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **26.4%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.7%
Private union membership in county

\$237.5 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting**, contributed **21.1%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
21.46 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
12.15 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
6.64 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.30 LQ



EDUCATION
1.19 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Humphreys County School District	Belzoni, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	300
Consolidated Catfish Producers LLC	Isola, MS	Seafood Processing	181
Humphreys County	Belzoni, MS	Executive and Legislative	153
Freshwater Farms Products, LLC	Belzoni, MS	Seafood Processing	132
Michaels Management-Affordable, LLC	Belzoni, MS	Property Managers	65

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ISSAQENA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



1,095
POPULATION

10.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

196 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
263 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
49 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **20.0**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$51,436

AVERAGE AGRICULTURE WAGE
\$137,842

COST OF LIVING INDEX

ISSAQENA COUNTY |  **82.1**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$29,271
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **17.2%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.8%

Private union membership in county

\$34.8 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**, contributed **52.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
39.08 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
23.50 LQ



UTILITIES
4.93 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
3.65 LQ



FINANCIAL
SERVICES
1.27 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

County of Issaquena	Mayersville, MS	County Government	85
Department of Corrections	Mayersville, MS	Prisons	80
United States Postal Service	Mayersville, MS	Postal Services	22
Tony's Grocery	Grace, MS	Grocery Stores	10
Valley Park Elevator	Valley Park, MS	Grocery Wholesale	10



2026

JACKSON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

 **144,437**
POPULATION

0.4%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE 

WORKFORCE

68,251 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
55,137 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.8% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **25.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$58,319

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$82,884

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JACKSON COUNTY  91.5
GULFPORT-BILOXI MSA  92.7
MISSISSIPPI  87.1
U.S. = 100

 **\$64,756**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **14.1%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.5%

Private union membership in county

\$10.1 BILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **51.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING**
11.74 LQ



OIL/POWER
5.25 LQ



UTILITIES
2.13 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.51 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
1.02 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Huntington Ingalls Industries	Naval Shipbuilding	10,983
Singing River Health System	Healthcare	2,500
Chevron USA, Inc. Pascagoula Refinery	Petro-Chemical Refinery	1,600 Full-time/Over 2,500 Contract
Jackson County Public School District	Primary and Secondary Education	1,788
Pascagoula-Gautier Public School District	Primary and Secondary Education	1,395
VT Halter Marine/VT Marine	Shipbuilding	870



2026

JASPER COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



16,211
POPULATION

4.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

6,416 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
4,501 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,629 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **31.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$48,025

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$53,084

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JASPER COUNTY |  **86.4**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$47,157
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **18.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
5.4%

Private union membership in county

\$499 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **36.1%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FOOD
MANUFACTURING**
19.47 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
6.30 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
5.91 LQ



**MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING**
4.77 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
3.77 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Peco Foods, Inc.	Bay Springs, MS	Poultry Product Processing	650
Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.	Heidelberg, MS	Gasoline Stations and Fuel Dealers	381
Interfor U.S. Inc.	Bay Springs, MS	Crop and Animal Production	245
Hol-Mac Corporation	Bay Springs, MS	Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing	177
BankFirst Financial Services	Bay Springs, MS	Banking	90



2026

JEFFERSON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



7,127
POPULATION

10.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE

SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

2,350 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
1,237 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
285 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN HEALTH CARE

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **26.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,347

AVERAGE HEALTH CARE WAGE
\$46,195

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JEFFERSON COUNTY |  82.6
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100

 **\$36,207**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **28.5%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.7%

Private union membership in county

\$140 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Utilities**, contributed **36.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



COAL/OIL/POWER
10.12 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
8.67 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
6.00 LQ



UTILITIES
3.60 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
3.28 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Alcorn State University	Lorman, MS	Colleges and Universities	840
Jefferson County School District	Fayette, MS	Public Education	350
Quality Construction & Engineering, LLC	Fayette, MS	Engineering Services	214
Jefferson County Hospital	Fayette, MS	Physicians and Health Practitioners	105
Southwest MS Electric Power Association	Lorman, MS	Electric Power Transmission, Distribution & Marketing	100

2026

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **11,183**
POPULATION

3.7% UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,788 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,385 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
97 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **34.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$49,742

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$53,561

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI
U.S. = 100



\$37,183
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
25.0%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.0%

Private union membership in county

\$183 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Construction**, contributed **24.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
6.95 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
5.48 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.90 LQ



UTILITIES
2.83 LQ



EDUCATION
1.82 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Jefferson Davis County School District	Prentiss, MS	Public Schools	400
Five County Child Development Program, Inc	Prentiss, MS	Child Care Services	135
Prentiss Regional Hospital	Prentiss, MS	Hospitals	140
Rudolph Foods Company, Inc.	Prentiss, MS	Storage and Warehousing	90
Forterra Pipe & Precast, LLC	Bassfield, MS	Cement and Concrete Product Manufacturing	83

2026

JONES COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



66,839
POPULATION

3.2%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

28,908 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
31,007 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
8,312 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **25.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$47,749

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$55,933

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JONES COUNTY		86.5
HATTIESBURG-LAUREL CSA		89.7
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$51,143
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **20.8%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.8%

Private union membership in county

\$3.5 BILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **30.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



ELECTRIC/
ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURING
15.89 LQ



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
5.48 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
3.18 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
2.73 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
1.84 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Howard Industries	Ellisville, MS	Transformer/Transport/Ballast/PC Manufacturing	4,329
Ellisville State School	Laurel, MS	Healthcare	1,320
South Central Regional Medical Center	Ellisville, MS	Healthcare	1,100
Jones County Schools	Jones County	Education	1,100
Wayne Farms	Laurel, MS	Food Manufacturing	650

LAMAR COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



65,081
POPULATION

1.0%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE



WORKFORCE

31,922 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
22,993 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
3.4% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
26.3
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$44,312

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$67,670

COST OF LIVING INDEX



\$69,106
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



16.1%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.0%

Private union membership in county

\$2.8 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental Leasing**, contributed **23.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
2.06 LQ



RETAIL
1.79 LQ



UTILITIES
1.34 LQ



**CONSUMER
SERVICES**
1.20 LQ



**FINANCIAL
SERVICES**
1.12 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Lamar County School System	Purvis, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	1,300
Wesley Health System	Hattiesburg, MS	Nursing and Residential Care	930
County of Lamar	Purvis, MS	Executive and Legislature	300
GMRI, INC	Hattiesburg, MS	Restaurants and Bars	234
Pine Belt Oil Company, Inc.	Purvis MS	Petroleum Wholesale	200



2026

LAWRENCE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



11,883
POPULATION

3.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,525 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,195 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
833 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **36.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$53,969

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$94,024

COST OF LIVING INDEX

LAWRENCE COUNTY  84.9
MISSISSIPPI  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$43,368
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **23.8%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.9%

Private union membership in county

\$421 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **46.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
28.12 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
5.25 LQ



MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING
3.23 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.92 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.63 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

		# OF EMPLOYEES
Lawrence County School District	Monticello, MS	Primary and Secondary Education 350
Magnolia Community Care Center, LLC	Monticello, MS	Nursing and Residential Care 262
James Construction Group, LLC	Monticello, MS	Civil Engineering 105
Georgia-Pacific	Monticello, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing 88
Lawrence County Hospital Inc.	Monticello, MS	Hospitals 68

2026

LEFLORE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **27,432**
POPULATION

6.7% UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

11,338 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
13,115 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,942 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **19.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$45,458

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$49,083

COST OF LIVING INDEX

LEFLORE COUNTY  80.5
MISSISSIPPI  87.1
U.S. = 100

 **\$33,188**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **31.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.0%

Private union membership in county

\$1.5 BILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **15.3%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
5.36 LQ



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
4.38 LQ



MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING
2.86 LQ



ELECTRIC/
ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURING
1.84 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.43 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Greenwood Leflore Consolidated School District	Greenwood, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	990
Greenwood Leflore Hospital	Greenwood, MS	Hospitals	680
Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS	Colleges and Universities	580
Viking Range, LLC	Greenwood, MS	Household Equipment Manufacturer	450
Heartland Catfish Company, Inc.	Itta Bena, MS	Food Manufacturing	415

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LINCOLN COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



34,830
POPULATION

4.0%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

14,665 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
14,190 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
1,280 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **28.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$44,018

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$56,441

COST OF LIVING INDEX

LINCOLN COUNTY  **83.4**
MISSISSIPPI  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$48,316
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **21.3%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.4%

Private union membership in county

\$1.5 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **14.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
5.57 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO RELATED
2.61 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
2.07 LQ



CHEMICAL
1.59 LQ



RETAIL
1.54 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Walmart Distribution Center	Brookhaven, MS	Distribution and Trucking	580
King's Daughters Medical Center	Brookhaven, MS	Hospitals	480
Brookhaven School District	Brookhaven, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	430
Aptiv Services Us, LLC	Brookhaven, MS	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	425
Reeds Metals, LLC	Brookhaven, MS	Construction and Hardware Materials Wholesale	350



2026

MARION COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



24,303
POPULATION

4.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

10,378 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
9,434 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
262 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **35.0**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$47,294

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$39,187

COST OF LIVING INDEX

MARION COUNTY |  **82.7**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$42,320
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **20.4%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.8%

Private union membership in county

\$937 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Construction**, contributed **19.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



UTILITIES
3.42 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
2.77 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
2.53 LQ



TEXTILE/LEATHER
2.27 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.89 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Marion County School District	Columbia, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	365
Crown Health Care Laundry Service	Columbia, MS	Laundry Services	325
T.L. Wallace Construction, Inc.	Columbia, MS	Civil Engineering	293
T.K. Stanley, Inc.	Columbia, MS	Petroleum and Natural Gas Extraction	250
Marion General Hospital	Columbia, MS	Hospitals	215



2026

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

 **9,708**
POPULATION**4.4%****UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

3,977 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,819 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
193 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME
 **25.6** MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,353

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$46,584

COST OF LIVING INDEX

MONTGOMERY COUNTY  **80.7**
MISSISSIPPI  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$45,057**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **25.6%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO WORK STATE
3.7%

Private union membership in county

\$247 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **18.4%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
6.62 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
6.50 LQ



METAL & PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING
4.81 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.40 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
1.60 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District	Winona, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	190
Biewer Sawmill Winona, Inc.	Winona, MS	Wood Products Manufacturing	84
North Central Planning & Development	Winona, MS	City Planning	80
City of Winona	Winona, MS	Executive and Legislature	60
MEDSTAT EMS, Inc.	Winona, MS	Mass Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation	38



2025

NEWTON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



21,151
POPULATION

4.0%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

8,533 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,955 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
665 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **27.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,853
AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$66,147

COST OF LIVING INDEX

NEWTON COUNTY |  **85.4**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$50,426**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **22.0%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.9%

Private union membership in county

\$570 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **20.9%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
12.09 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
6.63 LQ



METAL & PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING
4.05 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.89 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
1.88 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Laird Hospital, Inc.	Union, MS	Hospitals	368
Esco Group LLC	Newton, MS	Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing	250
Newton Municipal School District	Newton, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	230
East Central Community College	Decatur, MS	Colleges and Universities	180
East Central Planning and Development Inc.	Newton, MS	Consulting Services	109



2026

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



56,781
POPULATION

3.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

25,010 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
13,720 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
715 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **35.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,520

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$56,323

COST OF LIVING INDEX

PEARL RIVER COUNTY |  86.3
MISSISSIPPI |  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$56,535
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



16.4%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.1%

Private union membership in county

\$1.3 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Retail Trade**, contributed **17.3%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
2.40 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.80 LQ



EDUCATION
1.62 LQ



CHEMICAL
1.58 LQ



RETAIL
1.55 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Picayune School District	Picayune, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	604
Pearl River County School District	Carriere, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	425
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville, MS	Community college	330
Pearl River County Hospital & Nursing Home	Picayune, MS	Hospitals	225
Heritage Plastic, Inc.	Picayune, MS	Synthetic Chemical Manufacturing	115

2026

PERRY COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



11,459
POPULATION

4.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,363 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,574 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
432 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
27.6
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$48,220

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$101,613

COST OF LIVING INDEX

PERRY COUNTY		85.3
HATTIESBURG MSA		89.7
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$50,435
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



18.1%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.7%

Private union membership in county

\$268 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **39.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
26.62 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
5.50 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
4.65 LQ



**FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION**
2.45 LQ



EDUCATION
1.36 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Richton School District	Richton, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	308
Leaf River Cellulose, LLC	New Augusta, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing	300
Perry County School District	New Augusta, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	180
Perry County	New Augusta, MS	County Government	126
H & M Construction Company, L.L.C.	New Augusta, MS	Residential and Commercial Building Construction	107



2026

PIKE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



39,930
POPULATION

5.0%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

16,019 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
15,888 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
2,393 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **27.3**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$42,013

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$51,853

COST OF LIVING INDEX

PIKE COUNTY |  **80.9**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$41,578**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **27.5%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.9%

Private union membership in county

\$1.6 BILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **15.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FOOD
MANUFACTURING**
8.86 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
3.36 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
3.07 LQ



CHEMICAL
2.43 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.64 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Wayne-Sanderson Farms (Production & Processing)	Magnolia, MS	Poultry processing and production	2,380
Southwest MS Regional Medical Center	McComb, MS	Hospital and healthcare services	900
McComb School District	McComb, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	450
Dunaway Food Service Inc.	McComb, MS	Restaurants and Bars	378
Summit Plastics, Inc.	Summit, MS	Rubber and Plastic Product Manufacturing	239



2026

QUITMAN COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

 **5,908**
POPULATION

5.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT. 25)

WORKFORCE

2,433 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
1,297 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
180 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **31.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$37,122

AVERAGE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY,
FISHING AND HUNTING WAGE
\$69,683

COST OF LIVING INDEX

QUITMAN COUNTY |  **76.5**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$32,131
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **33.5%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
2.6%

Private union membership in county

\$120 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting**, contributed **29.3%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
24.96 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
5.26 LQ



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
3.11 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.85 LQ



UTILITIES
2.75 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Quitman County School District	Marks, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	223
County of Quitman	Marks, MS	County Government	75
Trinity Lighthouse Ministries	Crowder, MS	Associations and Organizations	50
Quitman County Hospital	Marks, MS	Hospitals	46
Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Company	Crenshaw, MS	Non-Metallic Minerals Mining	45

2026

RANKIN COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **158,218**
POPULATION

0.8%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE 

WORKFORCE

80,386 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
73,256 EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
2.9% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **26.4**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$52,388

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$71,376

COST OF LIVING INDEX

RANKIN COUNTY		93.2
JACKSON MSA		90.6
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$77,454
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



10.0%
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
7.3%

Private union membership in county

\$9.6 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental Leasing**, contributed **16.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION**
2.76 LQ



**METAL & PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING**
1.50 LQ



RETAIL
1.38 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
1.33 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
1.25 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

KLLM Trucking	Richland, MS	Transportation Services	1,400
U.S. Foods	Flowood, MS	Food Supplier/Distribution	350
Wayne-Sanderson Farms	Flowood, MS	Frozen Food Manufacturing	300
Siemens Power Transmission	Richland, MS	Electrical Transformers	300
Ergon, Inc. (Corporate Headquarters)	Flowood, MS	Petroleum Product Manufacturing	275
Nucor Steel	Flowood, MS	Steel Bar Manufacturing	275

2026

SCOTT COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



27,754
POPULATION

3.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

11,595 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
14,594 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
6,863 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **25.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$46,933

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$51,233

COST OF LIVING INDEX

SCOTT COUNTY |  **84.2**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$48,492
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



20.7%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
5.6%

Private union membership in county

\$1.3 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **43.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FOOD
MANUFACTURING**
31.77 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
5.75 LQ



**ELECTRIC/
ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURING**
4.52 LQ



**AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED**
1.68 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.60 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Koch Foods	Forest, MS	Poultry Processing	580
Scott County School District	Forest, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	437
Raytheon Company	Forest, MS	Electromedical and Control Instruments Mfg	400
Lackey Memorial Hospital	Forest, MS	Hospitals	318
Central Industries, Inc.	Forest, MS	Food Manufacturing	172

2026

SHARKEY COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **3,848**
POPULATION

7.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

1,682 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
1,107 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
201 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **20.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$44,999

AVERAGE AGRICULTURE WAGE
\$81,109

COST OF LIVING INDEX

SHARKEY COUNTY |  **85.1**
 MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
 U.S. = 100

 **\$35,741**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **31.8%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
2.6%

Private union membership in county

\$151 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting**, contributed 30% to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
21.92 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
5.08 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
4.21 LQ



EDUCATION
1.61 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.21 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

South Delta School District	Rolling Fork, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	189
Louisiana Extended Care Centers, Inc.	Rolling Fork, MS	Nursing and Residential Care	75
Sharkey County	Rolling Fork, MS	Executive and Legislature	65
Sharkey-Issaquena Community Hospital	Rolling Fork, MS	Hospitals	65
AGUP Equipment Company	Rolling Fork, MS	Machinery Wholesale	30



2026

SIMPSON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



25,817
POPULATION

3.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

10,839 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
8,500 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
226 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **30.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$39,264

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$35,668

COST OF LIVING INDEX

SIMPSON COUNTY		85.4
JACKSON MSA		90.6
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$54,111
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



19.4%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
6.8%

Private union membership in county

\$724 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **22.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
3.93 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.32 LQ



HEALTH CARE
2.15 LQ



CONSTRUCTION
1.58 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
1.17 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Simpson County School District	Mendenhall, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	500
Millcreek Management Corp	Magee, MS	Social and Rehabilitation Services	335
Magee Benevolent Association	Magee, MS	Hospitals	230
Walmart Inc.	Magee, MS	Department Stores	213
Simpson County	Magee, MS	Executive and Legislature	175

2026

SMITH COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **14,193**
POPULATION

3.7% UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

5,327 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,259 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
927 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **29.4**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$50,064

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$63,501

COST OF LIVING INDEX

SMITH COUNTY |  **84.8**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$51,396**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **19.3%**
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
5.7%
Private union membership in county

\$459 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **39.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
34.69 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
7.78 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
5.80 LQ



**METAL & PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURING**
3.71 LQ



TEXTILE/LEATHER
3.61 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	328
Southern Pine Electric Cooperative	Taylorsville, MS	Electricity Generation and Distribution	260
Roseburg Forest Products Co.	Taylorsville, MS	Wood Products	104

2026



STONE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



18,515
POPULATION

0.8%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE



WORKFORCE

7,729 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,442 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
4.0% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **36.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$41,384

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$62,777

COST OF LIVING INDEX

STONE COUNTY  89.0
GULFPORT-BILOXI MSA  92.7
MISSISSIPPI  87.1
U.S. = 100



\$59,307
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



17.9%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.5%

Private union membership in county

\$525 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **20.2%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
15.13 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.25 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.25 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
2.35 LQ



EDUCATION
1.61 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Stone County School District	Wiggins, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	430
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston, MS	Community college	291
Ten D Enterprises, Inc	Wiggins, MS	Restaurants and Bars	148
Dunn Paper, Inc.	Wiggins, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing	82
Anduril Industries	McHenry, MS	Solid Rocket Motor Production	80



2026

SUNFLOWER COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



25,328
POPULATION

5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

9,865 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
8,910 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
316 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **19.1**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$42,707

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$55,067

COST OF LIVING INDEX

SUNFLOWER COUNTY |  **82.6**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$40,265
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **29.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.8%

Private union membership in county

\$828 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **14.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
8.08 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
6.08 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.48 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
1.35 LQ



EDUCATION
1.18 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Indianola School District	Indianola, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	400
South Sunflower County Hospital	Ruleville, MS	Hospitals	303
Sunflower County School District	Indianola, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	283
Ruleville Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Ruleville, MS	Clothing and Apparel Manufacturing	218
Mississippi Delta Community College	Moorhead, MS	Colleges and Universities	200



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TALLAHTACHIE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

**12,363**
POPULATION**4.7%****UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE** | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

5,240 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
3,244 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
283 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **29.6**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$48,623

AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY,
FISHING AND HUNTING WAGE
\$75,610

COST OF LIVING INDEX

TALLAHTACHIE COUNTY |  **77.3**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$37,383
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **26.5%**
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
3.1%

Private union membership in county

\$326.5 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**, contributed 17.7% to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
14.33 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
4.33 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
2.73 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
2.40 LQ



PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
1.53 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

East Tallahatchie School District	Sumner, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	255
Tallahatchie General Hospital	Charleston, MS	General medical and surgical hospitals	200
West Tallahatchie School District	Sumner, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	70
Tutwiler Clinic, Inc.	Tutwiler, MS	Physicians and Health Practitioners	30
Sayle Propane LLC	Charleston, MS	Petroleum Wholesale	30



2026

TUNICA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



9,586
POPULATION

5.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,313 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,961 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
335 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **28.2**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$43,399

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$50,940

COST OF LIVING INDEX

TUNICA COUNTY		84.7
MEMPHIS MSA		89.5
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$38,402
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **33.8%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.6%

Private union membership in county

\$750 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Accommodation and Food Services**, contributed **31.8%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
5.51 LQ



CONSUMER
SERVICES
3.59 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
2.68 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
2.06 LQ



UTILITIES
1.38 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Fitzgeralds Tunica Casino	Robinsonville, MS	Gambling establishment and accomodations	1,200
Gold Strike Casino	Robinsonville, MS	Gambling establishment and accomodations	850
Tunica County School District	Tunica, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	285
Coahoma Community College	Tunica, MS	Colleges and Universities	175
Magnolia Processing	Tunica, MS	Food Manufacturing	150



2026

WALTHALL COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

 **13,864**
POPULATION**4.7%****UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

5,464 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,930 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
294 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME
 **37.0** MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$37,187

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$63,380

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WALTHALL COUNTY |  **81.9**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$45,444
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



18.1%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO WORK STATE
4.0%

Private union membership in county

\$263 MILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **19.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
9.63 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
8.81 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
4.61 LQ



APPAREL/CUT
AND SEW
MANUFACTURING
4.51 LQ



ELECTRIC/ELECTRONICS
MANUFACTURING
2.47 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Walthall County School District	Tylertown, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	100
Brigade Manufacturing	Tylertown, MS	Apparel Manufacturing	70
RK Wallace Construction	Jayess, MS	Residential and Commercial Building Construction	60
Walthall County General Hospital	Tylertown, MS	Hospitals	51
County of Walthall	Tylertown, MS	Tylertown, MS	20

2026

WARREN COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



 **43,623**
POPULATION

4.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

19,716 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
20,203 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
2,594 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **21.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$56,691

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$72,796

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WARREN COUNTY |  **88.3**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$56,648**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **20.3%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.4%

Private union membership in county

\$2.6 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services**, contributed **20.3%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
4.94 LQ



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
4.46 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
1.90 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.58 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.25 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

			# OF EMPLOYEES
Ameristar Casino Vicksburg, Inc.	Vicksburg, MS	Gambling and Casinos	7,200
Vicksburg Healthcare LLC	Vicksburg, MS	Hospitals	1,520
US Army Corps of Engineers	Vicksburg, MS	National Security and International Affairs	1,400
Cooper Lighting, LLC	Vicksburg, MS	Electrical Equipment & Appliances Mfg	640
International Paper Company	Redwood, MS	Paper Product Manufacturing	365



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WASHINGTON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

**43,674**
POPULATION**5.4%****UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

17,785 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
16,068 TOTAL EMPLOYEES IN COUNTY
959 TOTAL EMPLOYEES IN MANUFACTURING

**AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME**
19.2 MINUTES**AVERAGE WAGE**
\$44,286**AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE**
\$67,920

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WASHINGTON COUNTY |  85.4
MISSISSIPPI | 87.1
U.S. = 100

**\$40,117**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
**28.8%**
POVERTY RATE**RIGHT TO WORK STATE**
3.6%

Private union membership in county

\$1.8 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed **15.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

**AGRICULTURAL**
4.80 LQ**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**
2.16 LQ**CHEMICAL**
1.82 LQ**HEALTH**
1.45 LQ**RETAIL**
1.21 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

			# OF EMPLOYEES
Delta Health System	Greenville, MS	Hospitals	843
Harlow's Casino	Greenville, MS	Casinos	480
Magnolia Management Corporation	Greenville, MS	Nursing and Residential Care	459
City of Greenville	Greenville, MS	Executive and Legislature	320
Greenville Public School District	Greenville, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	256

2026



WAYNE COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

 **19,699**
POPULATION

4.6% UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

8,184 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,636 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
488 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **31.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$44,862

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$61,146

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WAYNE COUNTY |  **84.2**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$36,791**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **22.9%**
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**
3.4%

Private union membership in county

\$611 MILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **14.5%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
13.58 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
7.96 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
2.67 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.66 LQ



RETAIL
1.42 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Wayne County School District	Waynesboro, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	570
Wayne General Hospital, Inc.	Waynesboro, MS	General medical and surgical hospitals	320
Clark Oil Company, Inc. (Headquarters)	Waynesboro, MS	Filling stations, gasoline	260
Odom Industries	Waynesboro, MS	Basic Chemical Manufacturing	110
SipCam Agro USA, Inc.	Waynesboro, MS	Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing	120



2026

WEBSTER COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



9,942
POPULATION

3.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

4,562 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
2,507 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
170 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **29.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$40,299

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$50,941

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WEBSTER COUNTY |  **80.3**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$59,964
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **15.1%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.3%

Private union membership in county

\$224 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **21%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
5.67 LQ



METAL & PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING
5.58 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
4.82 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
3.55 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
1.44 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Webster County School District	Eupora, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	384
Webster Health Services, Inc.	Eupora, MS	General medical and surgical hospitals	209
County of Webster	Walthall, MS	County Governments	145
Sly, Inc.	Mathiston, MS	Machinery & Equipment Mfg	30
Central Mississippi, Inc.	Eupora, MS	Social and Rehabilitation Services	29



2026

WILKINSON COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



8,376
POPULATION

5.9%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

2,567 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION TOTAL
1,716 EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
117 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **35.4**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$37,551

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$49,097

COST OF LIVING INDEX

WILKINSON COUNTY |  **79.0**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$35,930
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



28.2%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.1%

Private union membership in county

\$147 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **20.6%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
12.37 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
5.14 LQ



AGRICULTURAL
4.22 LQ



UTILITIES
2.51 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
2.01 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Wilkinson County School District	Woodville, MS	Public elementary and secondary schools	225
Field Memorial Community Hospital	Centreville, MS	Hospital	152
Fred Netterville Lumber Company	Woodville, MS	Sawmills and planing mills	120
County of Wilkinson	Woodville, MS	Executive and Legislature	75
Buffalo Services	Centreville, MS	Grocery Stores	43



2026

YAZOO COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI



26,837
POPULATION

4.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

9,425 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
7,106 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
570 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **26.9**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$52,230

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$92,369

COST OF LIVING INDEX

YAZOO COUNTY |  **86.4**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$40,974
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



31.4%
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
6.6%

Private union membership in county

\$927.5 MILLION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **19%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



AGRICULTURAL
9.42 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
7.82 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
3.11 LQ



PHARMACEUTICAL
2.49 LQ



WOOD/PAPER
1.77 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

		# OF EMPLOYEES
Federal Bureau of Prisons	Yazoo City, MS	245
Magnolia Health Plan Inc.	Yazoo City, MS	222
CF Industries, Inc.	Yazoo City, MS	214
Yazoo County School District	Yazoo City, MS	200
Simmons Farm Raised Catfish, Inc.	Yazoo City, MS	200



2026

GULFPORT-BILOXI, MS MSA

COUNTIES INCLUDE: HANCOCK, HARRISON, JACKSON, AND STONE



418,452
POPULATION

0.5%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

193,130 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
172,325 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MSA
3.7% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **25.7**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$52,762

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$81,217

COST OF LIVING INDEX

GULFPORT-BILOXI MSA  **92.3**
MISSISSIPPI  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$61,188
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **15.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.7%

Private union membership in MSA

\$25.5 BILLION GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Manufacturing**, contributed **24.3%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the MSA.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**MACHINERY
MANUFACTURING**
4.11 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
2.39 LQ



UTILITIES
1.64 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.63 LQ



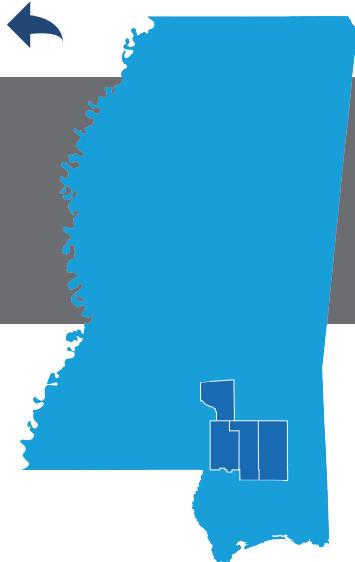
**CONSUMER
SERVICES**
1.42 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Keesler Air Force Base	Biloxi, MS	Military Base	11,276
Huntington Inglass Industries	Pascagoula, MS	Naval Shipbuilding	10,983
Naval Construction Battalion Center	Gulfport, MS	Military Base	5,500
Memorial Hospital	Gulfport, MS	Hospitals	4,800
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino	Biloxi, MS	Casinos	2,930



2026

HATTIESBURG, MS MSA

COUNTIES INCLUDE: COVINGTON, FORREST, LAMAR, AND PERRY

 **154,567**
POPULATION

0.6%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE 

WORKFORCE

75,328 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
67,421 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MSA
3.6% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
 **23.8**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$48,919

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$63,647

COST OF LIVING INDEX

HATTIESBURG MSA  **89.7**
MISSISSIPPI  **87.1**
U.S. = 100

 **\$59,515**
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
 **18.9%**
POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
3.5%

Private union membership in MSA

\$8.2 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Health Care and Social Assistance**, contributed **16.7%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the MSA.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



WOOD/PAPER
2.50 LQ



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
1.64 LQ



COAL/OIL/POWER
1.41 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.35 LQ



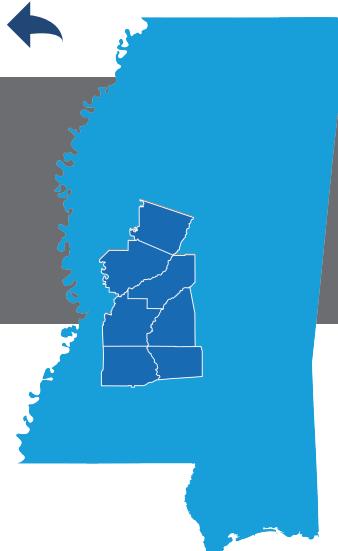
RETAIL
1.29 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

Forrest General Health Services, Inc.	Hattiesburg, MS	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	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



2026

JACKSON, MS MSA

COUNTIES INCLUDE: COPIAH, HINDS, HOLMES, MADISON, RANKIN, SIMPSON AND YAZOO



615,908
POPULATION

3.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

291,650 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

297,965 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MSA

26,156 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME

 **25.1**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$54,771

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$64,143

COST OF LIVING INDEX

JACKSON MSA |  **90.5**
MISSISSIPPI |  **87.1**
U.S. = 100



\$61,316

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



17.4%

POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
6.9%

Private union membership in MSA

\$39 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed **15.9%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the MSA.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
MANUFACTURING
2.59 LQ



AUTO/
AUTO-RELATED
1.77 LQ



PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
1.35 LQ



FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
1.34 LQ



HEALTH CARE
1.23 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

The State of Mississippi	Jackson, MS	Executive and Legislature	27,780
The University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson, MS	Hospitals	9,200
University Physicians, PLLC	Jackson, MS	Hospitals	5,080
Nissan North America	Madison, MS	Automotive	5,000
Jackson Public School District	Jackson, MS	Primary and Secondary Education	4,200

2026

MEMPHIS, TN-MS-AR MSA

COUNTIES INCLUDE: CRITTENDEN, AR, DESOTO, MS, MARSHALL, MS, TATE, MS, TUNICA, MS, FAYETTE, TN, SHELBY, TN, TIPTON, TN



1,341,606
POPULATION

4.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE | SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED (SEPT 25)

WORKFORCE

666,345 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

666,059 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MSA

40,647 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME

 **24.4**
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$64,611

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$84,558

COST OF LIVING INDEX

MEMPHIS MSA		89.5
MISSISSIPPI		87.1
U.S. = 100		



\$65,441

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



16.3%

POVERTY RATE

RIGHT TO
WORK STATE
4.3%

Private union membership in MSA

\$100 TRILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, **Real Estate and Rental and Leasing**, contributed **14.1%** to the 2024 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the MSA.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



**FREIGHT
TRANSPORTATION**
3.38 LQ



**CONSUMER
SERVICES**
1.13 LQ



RETAIL
1.09 LQ



**PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**
1.06 LQ



CHEMICAL
1.06 LQ

Location Quotient (LQ)

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

OF EMPLOYEES

FEDEX Corp.	Memphis, TN	Transporation, E-commerce & Business Services	32,000
United States Government	Memphis, TN	Federal Government	16,200
Tennessee State Government	Memphis, TN	State Government	15,100
Memphis-Shelby County Schools	Memphis, TN	Primary and Secondary Education	15,000
Baptist Memorial Health Care	Memphis, TN	Integrated Health Care	10,666