

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	AGRICULTURAL	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	COAL/OIL/POWER	WOOD/PAPER
18.51 LQ	7.20 LQ	2.88 LQ	2.60 LQ	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

Data Sources: JobsEQ and Hoovers; retrieved **January 2026**. Data points range from 2024-2025.

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