

2026

STONE COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI

18,515 POPULATION

0.8% POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

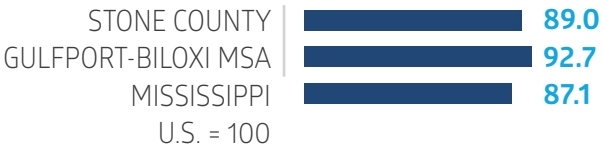
7,729	LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION
5,442	TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
4.0%	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (Seasonally Adjusted Sept 25)

AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME **36.9** MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE **$41,384**

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE **$62,777**

COST OF LIVING INDEX



$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	AGRICULTURAL	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION	EDUCATION
15.13 LQ	4.25 LQ	3.25 LQ	2.35 LQ	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

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

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