

QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Quitman	2,734	2,801	2,463	2,306	2,170
Clarke County	17,301	17,754	17,955	17,634	20,649

Most populated cities in Clarke County:

City	2005 Population
Quitman	2,306
Stonewall	1,069
Shubuta	629
Enterprise	466
Pachuta	248

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	21.5 %	40 to 49	15.2 %
18 to 21	5.7 %	50 to 64	17.2 %
22 to 29	9.9 %	65 and over	16.2 %
30 to 39	14.3 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 38.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1990 and 2000; 2005 and 2010 Population Estimates, Demographics Now.

LOCATION

Distance to selected cities from Quitman:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	328 miles	529 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	816 miles	1,316 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	502 miles	810 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	115 miles	185 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	267 miles	431 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	189 miles	305 kilometers

Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LABOR UNIONS

Information on labor union activity in Mississippi can be obtained by calling MDA at 601-359-3449.

WAGES

Annual Average, 2004*:

Manufacturing

Clarke County	\$476/week	\$11.90/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Clarke County	\$409/week	\$10.23/hour
Mississippi	\$508/week	\$12.70/hour
United States	\$724/week	\$18.10/hour

*All rates include management personnel.

Source: County data-Mississippi Department of Employment Security, U.S. data-U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004 Annual Average.

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average, 2004:

	Clarke County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	7,770	102,640
Male Percentage	54%	
Female Percentage	46%	
Total Employment	6,890	92,230
Manufacturing	612	
Services & Misc.	1,124	
Total Unemployed	560	6,090
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	5.9%
U.S.	5.5%	
Mississippi	6.2%	

*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties in Mississippi and neighboring states.

Source: Mississippi Department of Employment Security 2004, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Quitman	\$ 31	\$ 36	\$ 34
Clarke County	\$ 63	\$ 94	\$ 71

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1995; 2000, 2004.

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Clarke County	\$14,519	\$17,389	\$18,676

Earnings, Clarke County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$88,672,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	18.0%
Services-Other	5.3%
Wholesale Trade	2.6%
Retail Trade	5.8%
Government	32.1%
Construction	2.5%
Finance & Insurance	4.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	4.3%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	11.1%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	0.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2003.

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Clarke County	\$ 73	\$ 111	\$ 136

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Quitman None

Banks with one or more branches in Quitman 4

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Bank Directory, 2005-2006 Edition.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Quitman:

MS 18,
US 45

Railroads in Quitman:

Meridian and Southern

Air Travel in Quitman:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Meridian Regional, Meridian

Distance (miles) 25

Length of runway 10,004 feet/3,050 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 3

Major airlines serving the airport:

Atlantic Southeast, Northwest Airlinck

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Clarke County, Quitman

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,200 feet/976 meters

Common carriers operating in Quitman area 16

Quitman's nearest full-service port:

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Quitman 138 miles/223 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 36 feet/11 meters

Source: Mississippi Department of Transportation; Mississippi Port Authorities; unpublished data collected by MDA, 2005.

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Clarke County 1

Number of beds 25

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, Directory of Mississippi Health Facilities, 2004.

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Clarke County and Mississippi, request an Education Profile. Education Profiles are prepared for all Mississippi counties and may be obtained by calling 601-359-3593, or online at www.mississippi.org.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity distributor(s) in Quitman:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Quitman:

Utility name	City of Quitman
Source	Well
System capacity	650,000 gallons per day 2,462 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	650,000 gallons per day 2,462 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	650,000 gallons per day 2,462 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	650,000 gallons 2,462 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	693,000 gallons 2,625 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon
Percent of community served	99%
Present load	75%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Quitman:

Chickasawhay Natural Gas

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Quitman
Land area	693 square miles/1,796 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	80 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	None

State Parks:

Clarkco

Tourism related information

Call 1-800-WARMEST

Source: Mississippi Elected Officials Directory; Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN CLARKE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Dart Container Corp.	170	Plastic foam cup products
Air Vent, Inc.	100	Wood mailboxes
Meyer Packaging, F.C.	98	Shoe boxes
Southwood Door Co.	77	Wood doors; panel type; species other than Douglas fir and western pines
Kelwood Products, Inc.	50	Hardwood lumber

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, March 2006.

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Quitman

Class 7

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, August 2002.

COST OF HOUSING

Average Selling Price of Homes, 2004:

Jackson	\$199,485
Gulfport	\$189,900
Hattiesburg	\$204,780
Tupelo	\$192,228

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living, 2004.

PROPERTY TAX

General county millage 19.97

Property tax- Counties and municipalities levy a property tax on real and personal tangible property. Most property is assessed at 15% of true value. Motor vehicles and utilities (excluding railroads) are assessed at 30% and owner-occupied residential properties are assessed at 10% of true value.

To calculate annual property tax:

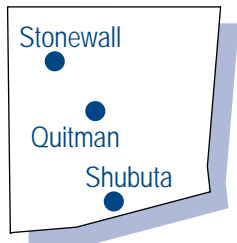
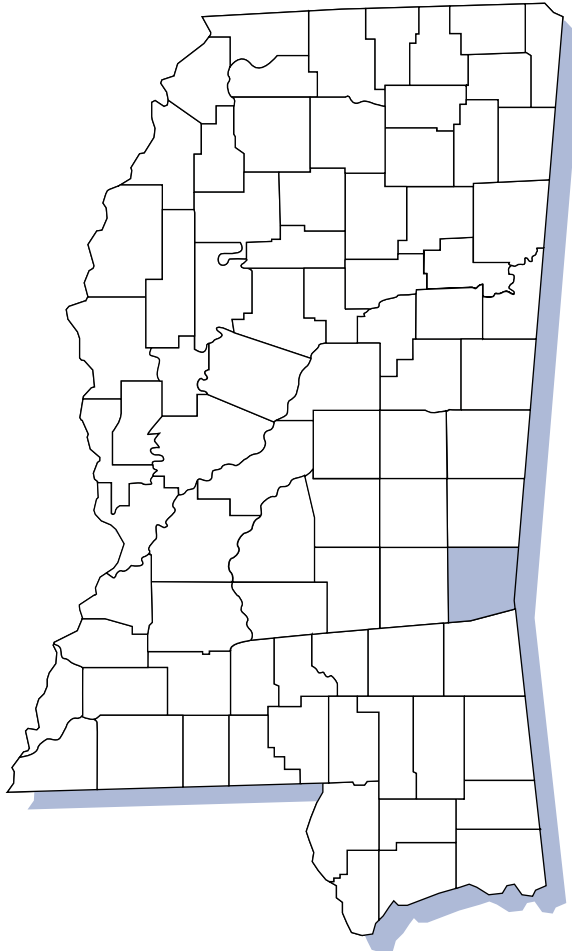
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%),
M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$90,219 millage rate 19.97
 $(\$90,219 \times 10\% \times 19.97) / 1,000 = \180.17

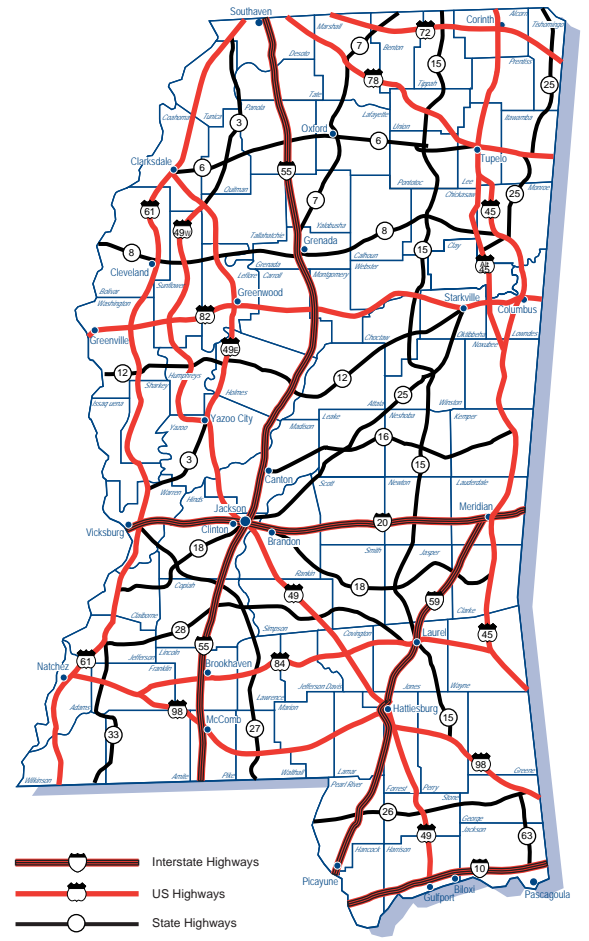
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Clarke County

Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

