

OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

| Population: | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ocean Springs | 15,208 | 16,360 | 17,225 | 17,545 | 17,824 |
| Jackson County | 115,144 | 128,085 | 131,420 | 135,436 | 156,628 |

Most populated cities in Jackson County:

| City | 2005 Population |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Pascagoula | 25,711 |
| Ocean Springs | 17,545 |
| Moss Point | 15,187 |
| Gautier | 11,907 |

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

| | | | |
|----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 0 to 17 | 22.2 % | 40 to 49 | 16.4 % |
| 18 to 21 | 5.9 % | 50 to 64 | 16.9 % |
| 22 to 29 | 11.1 % | 65 and over | 11.1 % |
| 30 to 39 | 16.3 % | | |

Median age of county population, 2004: 35.7

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 Ocean Springs:

| Area | Distance | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Atlanta, Georgia | 380 miles | 613 kilometers |
| Chicago, Illinois | 895 miles | 1,444 kilometers |
| Dallas, Texas | 552 miles | 890 kilometers |
| Jackson, Mississippi | 173 miles | 279 kilometers |
| Memphis, Tennessee | 372 miles | 600 kilometers |
| New Orleans, Louisiana | 89 miles | 144 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

| | | |
|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Jackson County | \$868/week | \$21.70/hour |
| Mississippi | \$639/week | \$15.98/hour |
| United States | \$920/week | \$23.00/hour |

Services

| | | |
|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Jackson County | \$465/week | \$11.63/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:

| | Jackson County | Commuting Area* |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Labor Force | 62,270 | 172,360 |
| Male Percentage | 54% | |
| Female Percentage | 46% | |
| Total Employment | 57,640 | 159,610 |
| Manufacturing | 15,795 | |
| Services & Misc. | 19,974 | |
| Total Unemployed | 3,560 | 9,470 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8% | 5.5% |
| 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 |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Ocean Springs | \$ 165 | \$ 248 | \$ 294 |
| Jackson County | \$ 914 | \$ 1280 | \$ 1258 |

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

| | 1995 | 2000 | 2003 |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jackson County | \$18,377 | \$22,292 | \$25,046 |

Earnings, Jackson County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$2,255,092,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Manufacturing | 41.9% |
| Services-Other | 7.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 0.8% |
| Retail Trade | 5.3% |
| Government | 24.6% |
| Construction | 6.1% |
| Finance & Insurance | 2.4% |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 1.6% |
| Healthcare & Social Assistance | 5.1% |
| Educational Services | 0.0% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 2.2% |

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

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

| | 1995 | 2000 | 2004 |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Jackson County | \$ 697 | \$ 923 | \$1,255 |

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Ocean Springs None

Banks with one or more branches in Ocean 9

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Ocean Springs:

MS 67

US 90

I-10

Railroads in Ocean Springs:

CSX System

Air Travel in Ocean Springs:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Gulfport-Biloxi International, Gulfport

Distance (miles) 16

Length of runway 8,500 feet/2,591 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 28

Major airlines serving the airport:

Air Trans, Continental Express, Delta/ASA, Northwest, Southeast

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Trent Lott International, Pascagoula

Distance (miles) 10

Length of runway 6,500 feet/1,982 meters

Common carriers operating in Ocean Springs 20

Ocean Springs's nearest full-service port:

Port of Pascagoula

Post Office Box 70

Pascagoula, MS 39568

228-762-4041

Distance from Ocean Springs 16 miles/26 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 38 feet/12 meters

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

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Jackson County 2

Number of beds 551

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Jackson 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 Ocean Springs:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Ocean Springs:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Utility name | City of Ocean Springs |
| Source | Wells |
| System capacity | 5,904,000 gallons per day 22,364 kiloliters per day |
| Average consumption | 1,619,299 gallons per day 6,134 kiloliters per day |
| Peak consumption | 1,959,741 gallons per day 7,423 kiloliters per day |
| Storage capacity | 1,600,000 gallons 6,061 kiloliters |
| Sanitary sewer capacity | 2,700,000 gallons 10,227 kiloliters |
| Sewer treatment type | Land application system |
| Percent of community served | 100 |
| Present load | 77% |

Natural gas distributor(s) in Ocean Springs:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

| | |
|---|--|
| County Seat(s) | Pascagoula |
| Land area | 738 square miles/1,911 square kilometers |
| County land area in commercial forests | 72 % |
| National Parks/Historic Landmarks: | |
| Gulf Islands National Seashore | |
| DeSoto National Forest | |

State Parks:

Shepard

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 JACKSON COUNTY

| Manufacturing | Employees | Type of Business |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Northrop Grumman Ship Systems/Ingalls | 11,750 | Naval ships for U.S. and international fleets |
| Chevron Products Co. | 1,200 | Sulfur |
| Signal International, LLC | 650 | Oil rig fabrication and repair |
| VT Halter Marine, Inc.-Pascagoula | 440 | Ship building and repairing |
| Mississippi Phosphates Corp. | 220 | Fertilizer, diammonium phosphate |

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Ocean Springs

Class 6

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 27.40

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:

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

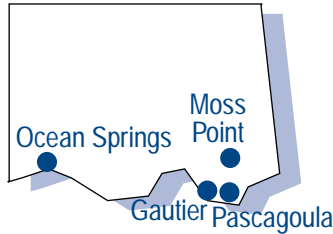
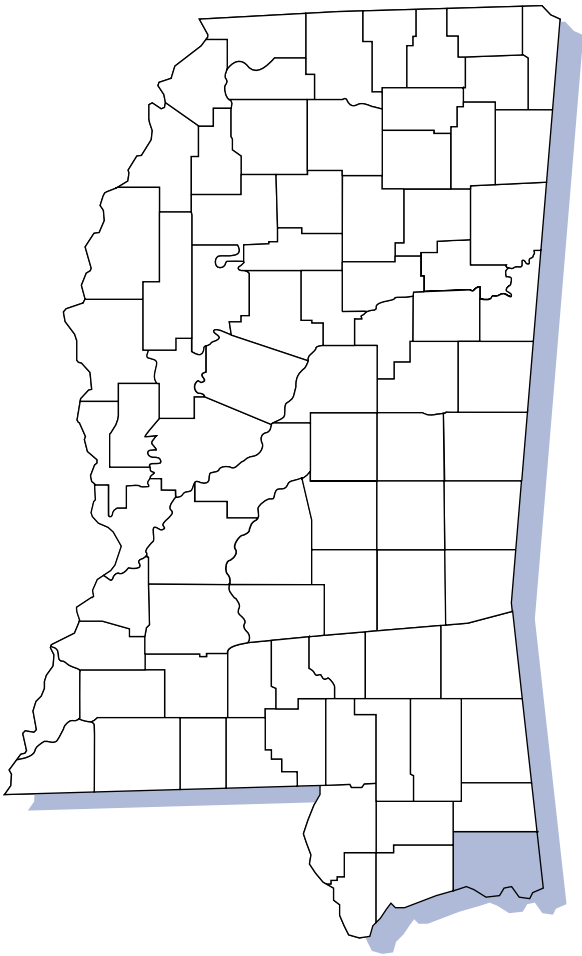
V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$100,449 millage rate 27.40
 $(\$100,449 \times 10\% \times 27.40) / 1,000 = \275.23

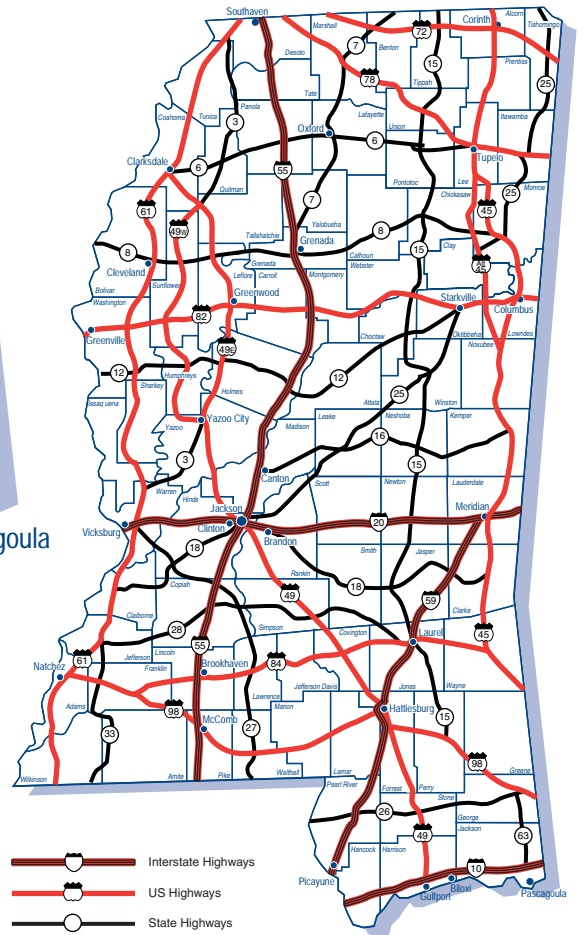
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location

Federal/State Highways

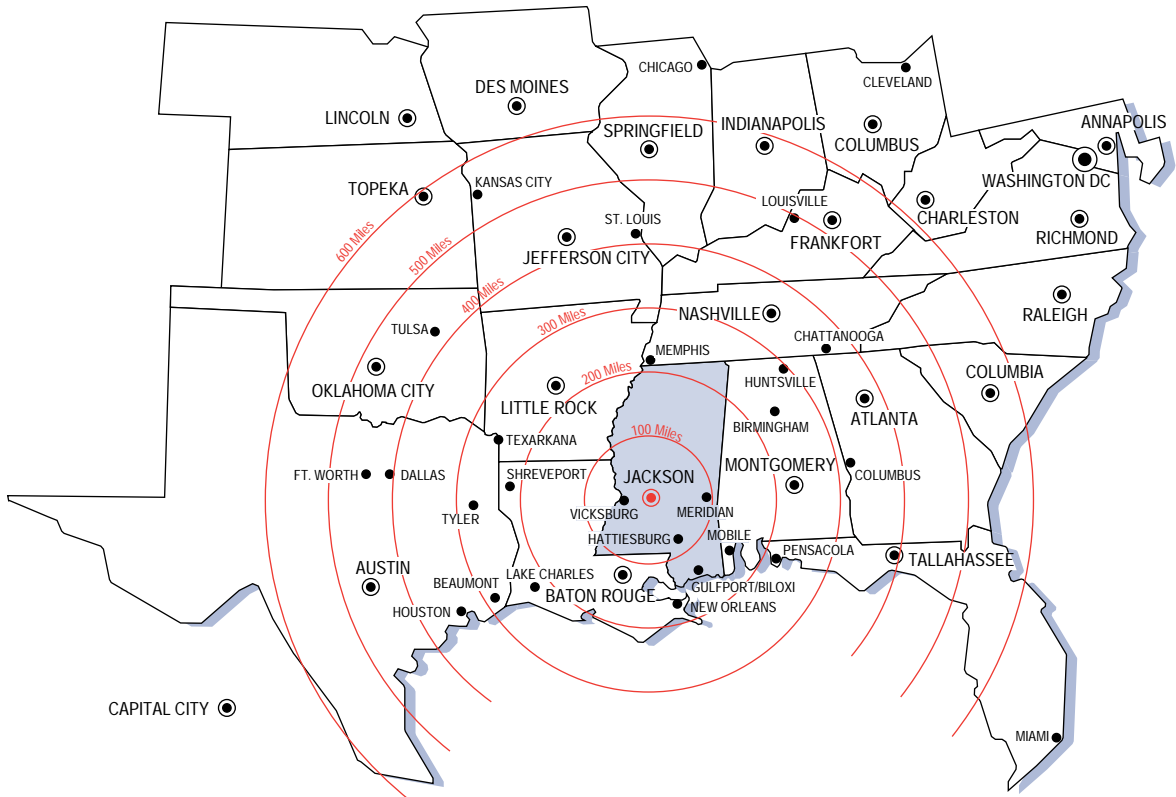


Jackson County



- Interstate Highways
- US Highways
- State Highways

Regional Map



CAPITAL CITY ●