

PRENTISS, MISSISSIPPI

Jefferson Davis County

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Prentiss	1,326	1,306	1,158	985	859
Jefferson Davis County	14,003	14,013	13,962	13,087	14,760

Most populated cities in Jefferson Davis County:

City	2005 Population
Prentiss	985
Bassfield	285

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.8 %	40 to 49	14.9 %
18 to 21	6.4 %	50 to 64	17.1 %
22 to 29	10.6 %	65 and over	14.9 %
30 to 39	13.3 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 35.9

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 Prentiss:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	395 miles	637 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	808 miles	1,303 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	464 miles	748 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	59 miles	95 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	277 miles	447 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	139 miles	224 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Jefferson Davis County	\$311/week	\$7.78/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Jefferson Davis County	\$366/week	\$9.15/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:	Jefferson Davis County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	5,240	63,539
Male Percentage	51%	
Female Percentage	49%	
Total Employment	4,930	60,370
Manufacturing	100	
Services & Misc.	857	
Total Unemployed	430	3,520
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	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
Prentiss	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 41
Jefferson Davis County	\$ 50	\$ 62	\$ 67

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Jefferson Davis County	\$12,648	\$15,441	\$17,781

Earnings, Jefferson Davis County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$0

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	*****
Services-Other	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****
Retail Trade	*****
Government	*****
Construction	*****
Finance & Insurance	*****
Transportation & Warehousing	*****
Healthcare & Social Assistance	*****
Educational Services	*****
Accommodation & Food Services	*****

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

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Jefferson Davis County	\$ 50	\$ 81	\$ 71

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Prentiss None

Banks with one or more branches in Prentiss 2

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Prentiss:

MS 13,
US 84

Railroads in Prentiss:

None

Air Travel in Prentiss:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 45

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

Number of daily outgoing flights 2

Major airlines serving the airport:

Northwest Airlinck

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Prentiss-Jefferson Davis Co, Prentiss

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,200 feet/976 meters

Common carriers operating in Prentiss area 12

Prentiss's nearest full-service port:

Natchez Port

Post Office Box 925

Natchez, MS 39120

601-442-2561

Distance from Prentiss 99 miles/160 kilometers

Name of waterway Mississippi River

Channel depth 9 feet/3 meters

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

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Jefferson Davis County 1

Number of beds 41

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Jefferson Davis County 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 Prentiss:

Entergy

Water/sewage service in Prentiss:

Utility name	Town of Prentiss
Source	Wells
System capacity	2,160,000 gallons per day 8,182 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	280,263 gallons per day 1,062 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	435,030 gallons per day 1,648 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	300,000 gallons 1,136 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	440,000 gallons 1,667 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Aerated lagoon
Percent of community served	100
Present load	50%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Prentiss:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Prentiss
Land area	409 square miles/1,060 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	55 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	None

State Parks:

None

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 JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Little Apparel, Inc., J.B.	35	Men's separate dress and sport trousers; Battle Dress Uniform: BDU Pants
South Central Ready Mix, Inc.-Prentiss	7	Ready-mixed concrete
Lee Farms	6	Refined cane sugar and byproducts: Cane syrup
Printers	2	Commercial printing, offset

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Prentiss

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 29.62

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:

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

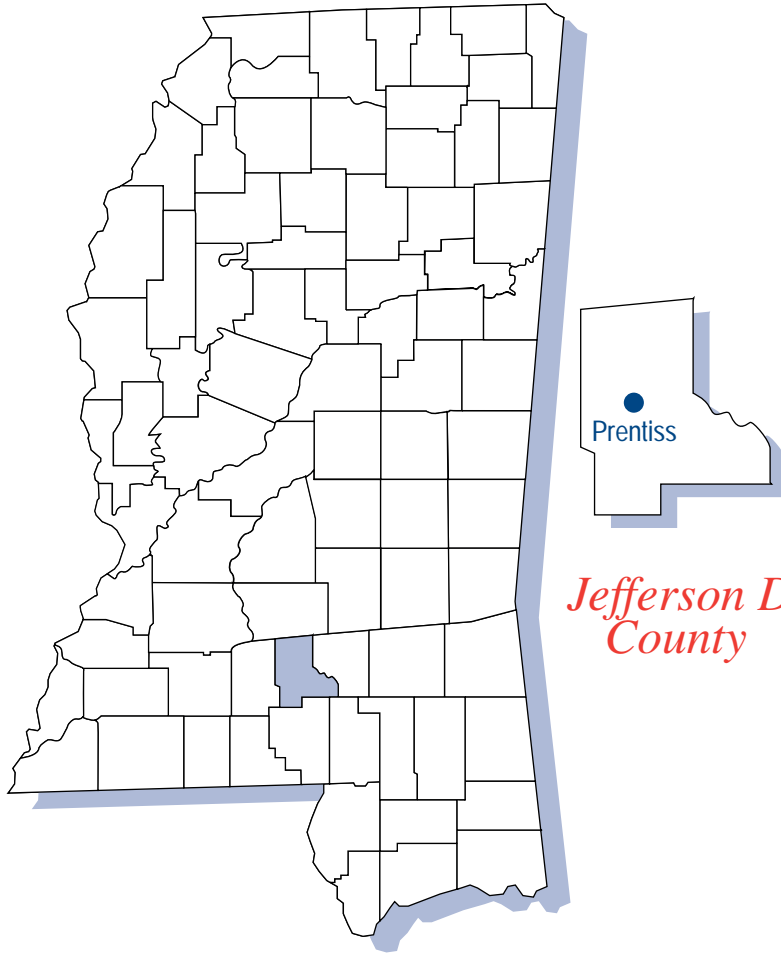
V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$92,303 millage rate 29.62

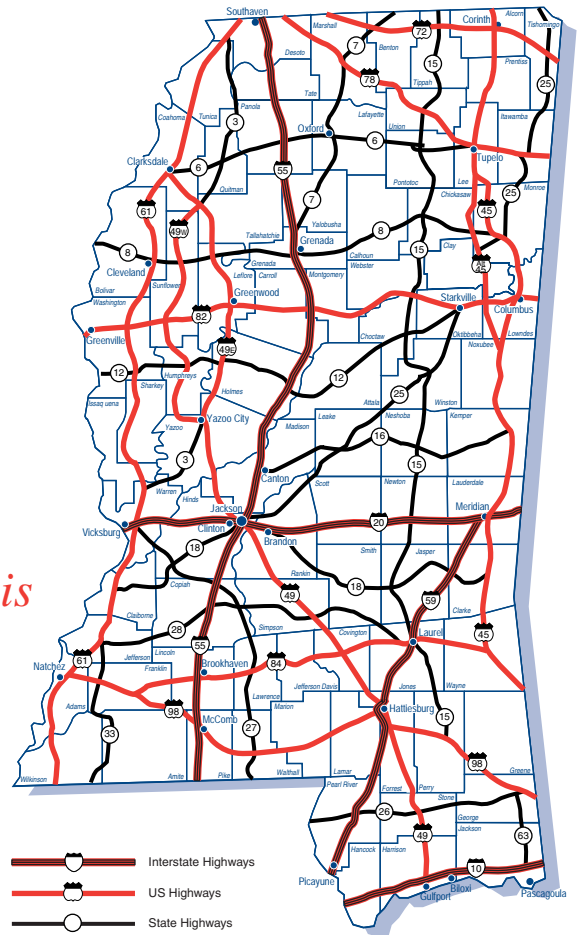
$$(\$92,303 \times 10\% \times 29.62) / 1,000 = \$273.40$$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

