

# RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

| Population:  | 1990   | 1995   | 2000   | 2005   | 2010   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Raleigh      | 1,288  | 1,269  | 1,255  | 978    | 822    |
| Smith County | 14,761 | 14,999 | 16,182 | 15,857 | 16,714 |

### Most populated cities in Smith County:

| City        | 2005 Population |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Taylorville | 1,467           |
| Raleigh     | 978             |
| Mize        | 457             |
| Polkville   | 108             |
| Sylvarena   | 102             |

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

|          |        |             |        |
|----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 0 to 17  | 22.0 % | 40 to 49    | 14.8 % |
| 18 to 21 | 5.8 %  | 50 to 64    | 17.3 % |
| 22 to 29 | 10.6 % | 65 and over | 14.9 % |
| 30 to 39 | 14.5 % |             |        |

Median age of county population, 2004: 36.1

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 Raleigh:

| Area                   | Distance  |                  |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Atlanta, Georgia       | 368 miles | 594 kilometers   |
| Chicago, Illinois      | 792 miles | 1,277 kilometers |
| Dallas, Texas          | 450 miles | 726 kilometers   |
| Jackson, Mississippi   | 53 miles  | 85 kilometers    |
| Memphis, Tennessee     | 263 miles | 424 kilometers   |
| New Orleans, Louisiana | 175 miles | 282 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

|               |            |              |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Smith County  | \$637/week | \$15.93/hour |
| Mississippi   | \$639/week | \$15.98/hour |
| United States | \$920/week | \$23.00/hour |

#### Services

|               |            |              |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Smith County  | \$412/week | \$10.30/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:

|                   | Smith County | Commuting Area* |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Labor Force       | 6,800        | 163,419         |
| Male Percentage   | 57%          |                 |
| Female Percentage | 43%          |                 |
| Total Employment  | 6,730        | 150,550         |
| Manufacturing     | 1,538        |                 |
| Services & Misc.  | 935          |                 |
| Total Unemployed  | 380          | 7,600           |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.3%         | 4.7%            |
| 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  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Raleigh      | \$ 11 | \$ 11 | \$ 12 |
| Smith County | \$ 45 | \$ 50 | \$ 60 |

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

|              | 1995     | 2000     | 2003     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Smith County | \$15,558 | \$18,994 | \$22,783 |

### Earnings, Smith County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$142,398,000

### Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Manufacturing                  | 51.0% |
| Services-Other                 | 3.5%  |
| Wholesale Trade                | 0.0%  |
| Retail Trade                   | 3.3%  |
| Government                     | 17.0% |
| Construction                   | 6.4%  |
| Finance & Insurance            | 1.8%  |
| Transportation & Warehousing   | 2.3%  |
| Healthcare & Social Assistance | 2.9%  |
| 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  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Smith County | \$ 57 | \$ 76 | \$ 90 |

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Raleigh** None

**Banks with one or more branches in Raleigh** 2

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Raleigh:

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### Railroads in Raleigh:

None

### Air Travel in Raleigh:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson-Evers International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 44

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

Number of daily outgoing flights 40

Major airlines serving the airport:

American Eagle, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, TWExpress, United

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Thigpen Field, Bay Springs

Distance (miles) 16

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

**Common carriers operating in Raleigh area** 22

### Raleigh's nearest full-service port:

Port of Vicksburg

Post Office Box 709

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1012

Distance from Raleigh 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 Smith County** None

**Number of beds** None

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Smith 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](http://www.mississippi.org).

## UTILITIES AND SERVICES

### Electricity distributor(s) in Raleigh:

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### Water/sewage service in Raleigh:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Utility name                | Raleigh Water Works                                 |
| Source                      | Wells   |
| System capacity             | 864,000 gallons per day<br>3,273 kiloliters per day |
| Average consumption         | 200,000 gallons per day<br>758 kiloliters per day   |
| Peak consumption            | 271,000 gallons per day<br>1,027 kiloliters per day |
| Storage capacity            | 200,000 gallons<br>758 kiloliters                   |
| Sanitary sewer capacity     | 500,000 gallons<br>1,894 kiloliters                 |
| Sewer treatment type        | Conventional lagoon                                 |
| Percent of community served | 100   |
| Present load                | 42%   |

### Natural gas distributor(s) in Raleigh:

Town of Raleigh

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>County Seat(s)</b>                         | Raleigh                                  |
| <b>Land area</b>                              | 637 square miles/1,651 square kilometers |
| <b>County land area in commercial forests</b> | 70 %                                     |
| <b>National Parks/Historic Landmarks:</b>     |  |
| Bienville National Forest                     |  |

### 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 SMITH COUNTY

| Manufacturing                       | Employees | Type of Business  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Georgia-Pacific Plywood Plant       | 460       | Softwood dressed lumber                                     |
| Solar Group, Inc.                   | 376       | Wood mailboxes  |
| Remy Reman-Raleigh                  | 200       | Rebuilt alternators; tearing down process for sister plants |
| Georgia-Pacific Particleboard Plant | 160       | Particleboard produced at this location; floor underlayment |
| Warmkraft, Inc.                     | 150       | Finishing of cotton apparel                                 |

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Raleigh

Class 8

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** 27.25

**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:

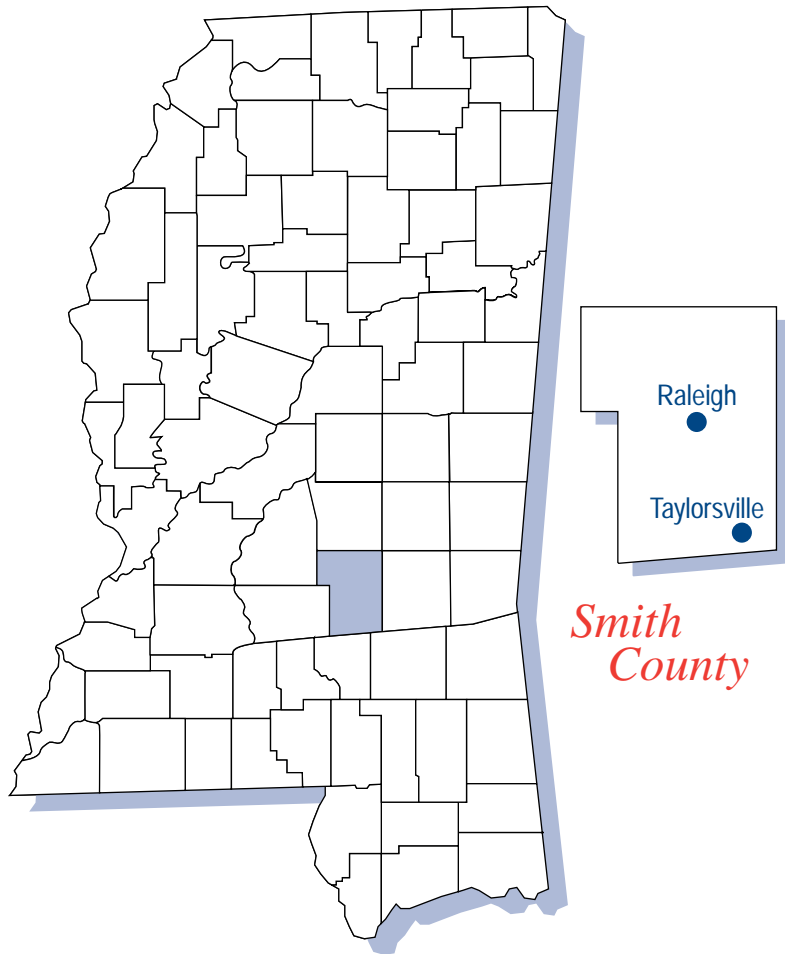
$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

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

Example: Home value \$73,573 millage rate 27.25  
 $(\$73,573 \times 10\% \times 27.25) / 1,000 = \$200.49$

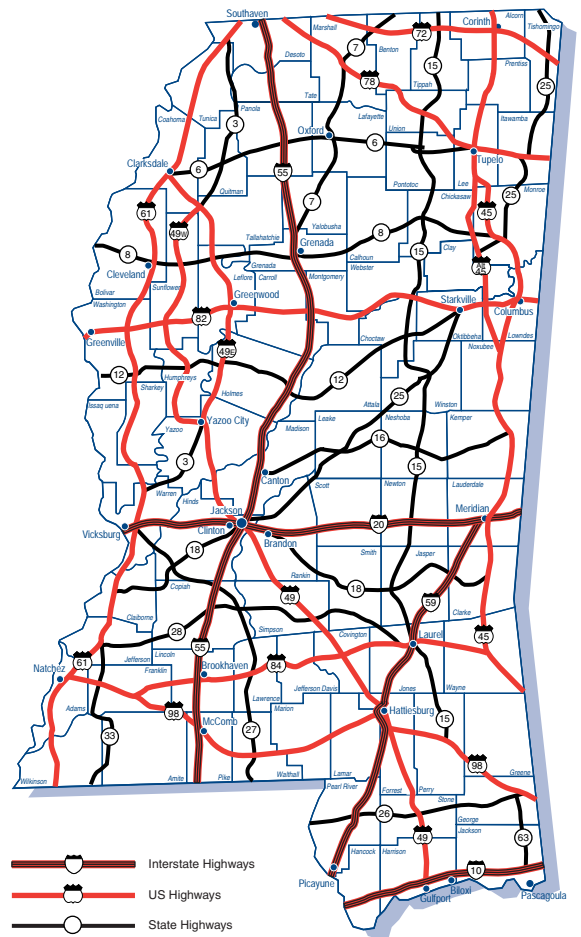
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

# County Location



*Smith  
County*

# Federal/State Highways



# Regional Map

