

RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Richton	1,032	1,098	1,038	958	902
Perry County	10,846	11,563	12,138	12,236	14,118

Most populated cities in Perry County:

City	2005 Population
Richton	958
Beaumont	933
New Augusta	697

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.8 %	40 to 49	15.5 %
18 to 21	6.6 %	50 to 64	16.9 %
22 to 29	11.5 %	65 and over	12.0 %
30 to 39	14.8 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 34.4

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 Richton:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	387 miles	624 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	838 miles	1,352 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	495 miles	798 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	108 miles	174 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	308 miles	497 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	136 miles	219 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Perry County	\$1075/week	\$26.88/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Perry County	\$393/week	\$9.83/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:

	Perry County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	5,270	102,660
Male Percentage	56%	
Female Percentage	44%	
Total Employment	4,870	94,100
Manufacturing	816	
Services & Misc.	817	
Total Unemployed	380	6,070
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	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
Richton	\$ 13	\$ 18	\$ 19
Perry County	\$ 44	\$ 41	\$ 50

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Perry County	\$12,482	\$14,771	\$16,786

Earnings, Perry County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$110,648,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	53.7%
Services-Other	3.4%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%
Retail Trade	5.1%
Government	17.7%
Construction	1.0%
Finance & Insurance	0.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	0.2%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	6.0%
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
Perry County	\$ 51	\$ 64	\$ 78

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Richton 1

Banks with one or more branches in Richton 2

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Richton:

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Railroads in Richton:

None

Air Travel in Richton:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 35

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:

Richton-Perry County, Richton

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

Common carriers operating in Richton area 14

Richton's nearest full-service port:

Port of Pascagoula

Post Office Box 70

Pascagoula, MS 39568

228-762-4041

Distance from Richton 70 miles/113 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 Perry County 1

Number of beds 22

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Perry 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 Richton:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Richton:

Utility name	Town of Richton
Source	Wells
System capacity	450,000 gallons per day 1,705 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	240,000 gallons per day 909 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	300,000 gallons per day 1,136 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	150,000 gallons 568 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	200,000 gallons 758 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon
Percent of community served	95%
Present load	40%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Richton:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s) New Augusta

Land area 650 square miles/1,684 square kilometers

County land area in commercial forests 84 %

National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

DeSoto 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 PERRY COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Koch Cellulose, LLC-Leaf River Cellulose	320	Bleached kraft pulp/softwood; sulfate woodpulp
Hood Industries, Inc.-Beaumont	230	Plywood, Southern Yellow Pine
Georgia-Pacific Sawmill	113	Southern Yellow Pine lumber
G & K Teamwear-Richton	110	Industrial work shirts, men's
American Wood Co.; Division, Powe Timber Co.	11	Softwood lumber, rough and dressed, except siding

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Richton 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 31.95

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:

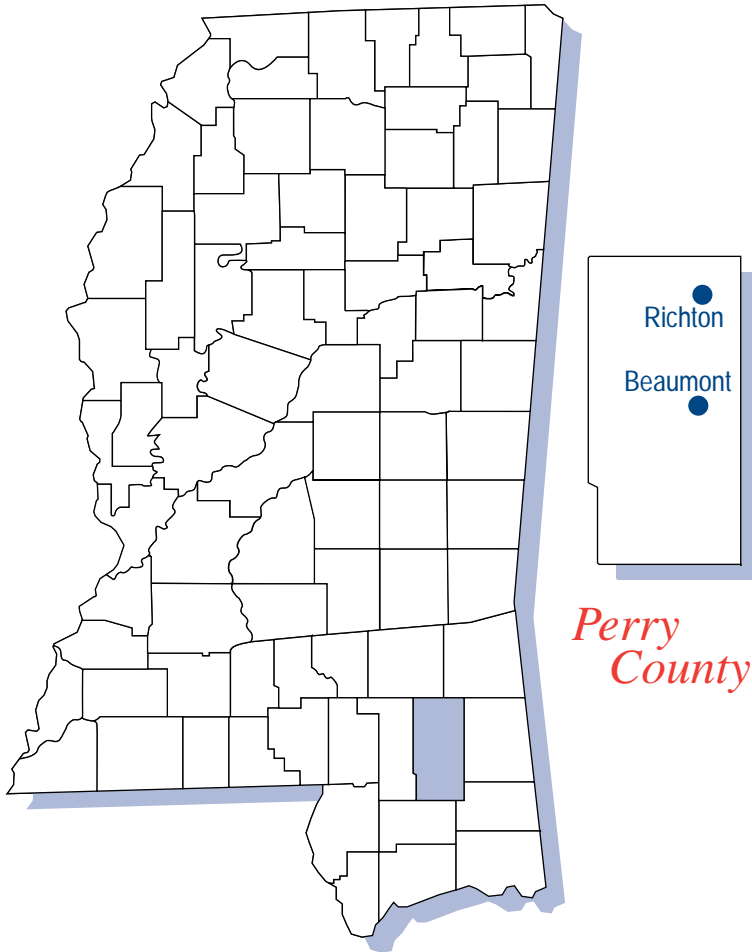
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

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

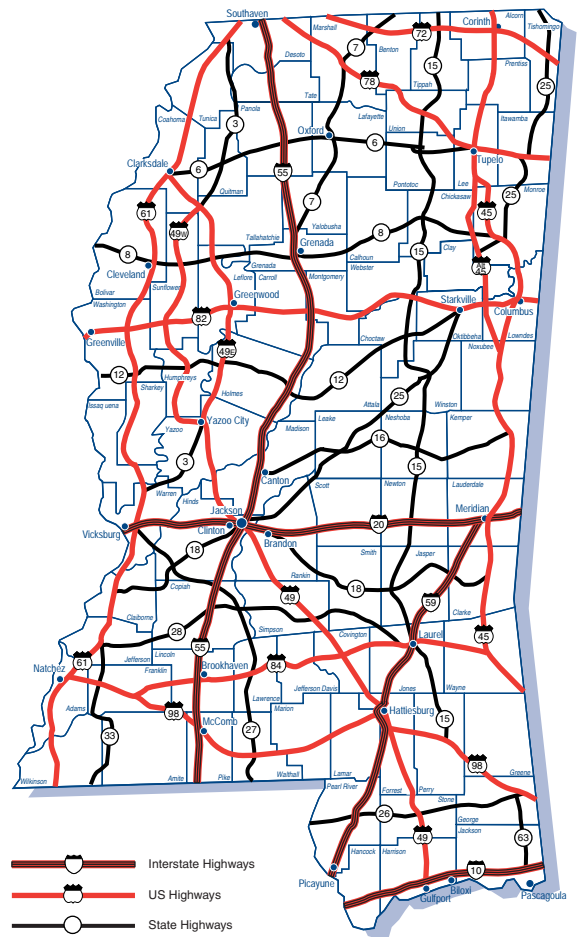
Example: Home value \$96,226 millage rate 31.95
 $(\$96,226 \times 10\% \times 31.95) / 1,000 = \307.44

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

