

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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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	475	Ship building and repairing
Mississippi Phosphates Corp.	220	Fertilizer, diammonium phosphate

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, May 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:

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

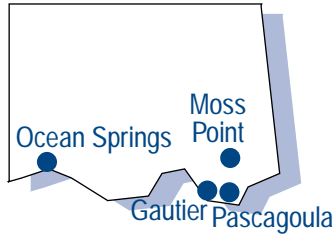
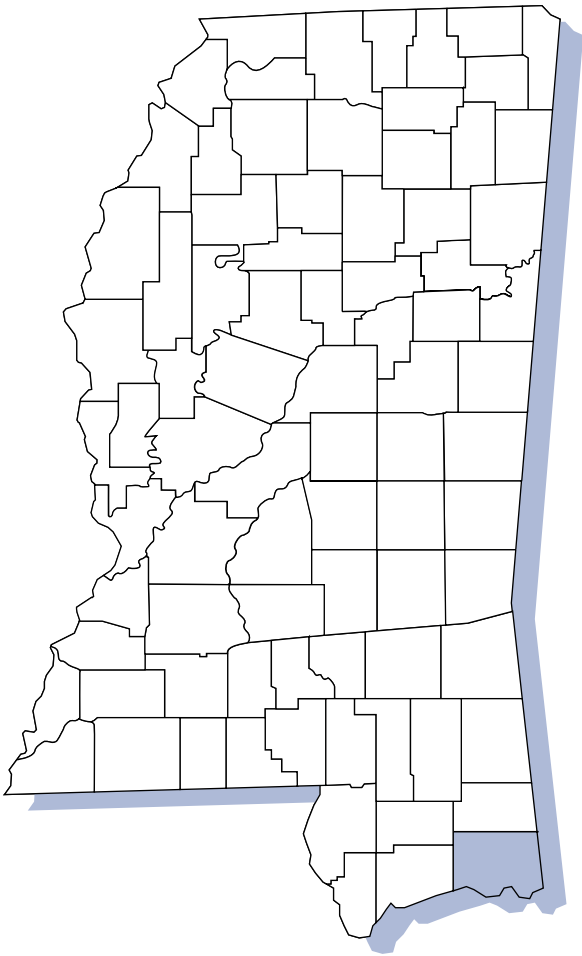
V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

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

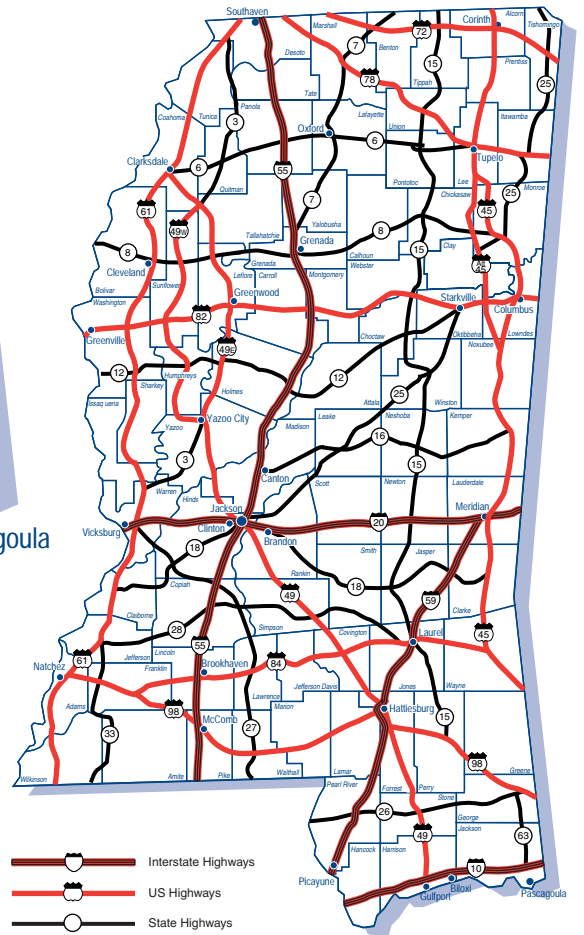
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location

Federal/State Highways



Jackson County



- Interstate Highways
- US Highways
- State Highways

Regional Map

