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MISSISSIPPI HISTORY TIMELINE

1541: Hernando De Soto, Spanish explorer, discovers the Mississippi River.

1673: Father Jacques Marquette, a French missionary, and fur trapper Louis Joliet begin exploration of the Mississippi River on May 17.

1699: First European settlement in Mississippi is established at Fort Maurepas, in present-day Ocean Springs, by Frenchmen Pierre Le Moyne d’Iberville and his brother, Jean Baptiste de Bienville.

1716: Bienville establishes Fort Rosalie on the site of present-day Natchez.

1718: Enslaved Africans are brought to Mississippi by the Company of the West.

1719: Capital of the Louisiana colony moves from Mobile to New Biloxi, present-day Biloxi.

1729: The Natchez massacre French settlers at Fort Rosalie in an effort to drive out Europeans. Hundreds of slaves were set free.

1754: French and Indian War begins.


1775: The American Revolution begins with many loyalists fleeing to British West Florida, which included the southern half of present-day Mississippi.

1779-1797: Period of Spanish Dominion with Manuel Gayosa de Lemos chosen governor of the Natchez region.

1795: Cotton gin, developed by Eli Whitney in 1793, is introduced to the Natchez regions, boosting cotton production in Mississippi and increasing reliance on slave labor.

1798: Spain evacuates Natchez, ending the Spanish colonial period of Mississippi history. On April 7, Congress established the Mississippi Territory including portions of present-day Alabama and Mississippi. The territory is governed by a ruling council of a governor, secretary and three judges.

1800: Benjamin Stokes begins publication of the Mississippi Gazette.

1801: The General Assembly (Legislature) for the Mississippi Territory meets for the first time. Also, the Choctaw Nation cedes more than two million acres in Treaty of Fort Adams, giving the federal government the right to construct the Natchez Trace from Natchez to Nashville.

1802: General Assembly moves territorial capital from Natchez to Washington, six miles east.

1803: France and the U.S. sign the Louisiana Purchase adding more than 800,000 square miles of the entire Louisiana colony to the U.S. for $15 million.

1806: Six Baptist churches establish the Mississippi Baptist Association.

1809: The Bank of Mississippi is established in Natchez.

1811: New Madrid earthquakes rock the Mississippi Valley, destroying towns, forming new lakes and causing the Mississippi River to flow backward.

1817: President James Monroe signs enabling act admitting Mississippi to the Union. Assembled in Washington, MS, 48 delegates drafted the state’s first constitution, concentrating power in the hands of white property owners and members of the militia.
December 10, 1817: Mississippi becomes the 20th state admitted to the Union. Natchez is designated as the state Capital and territorial governor David Holmes is elected Mississippi's first governor.

1820: Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hinds negotiate the Treaty of Doak's Stand, with Choctaws ceding more than five million acres, one third of their remaining lands in Mississippi.

1821: Franklin Academy, Mississippi's first free public school, opens in Columbus.

1821: Jackson is established as the state Capital after Thomas Hinds, William Lattimore and Peter Van Dorn recommended Lefleur's Bluff on the Pearl River. The Legislature ordered the three commissioners to survey the new city, named after General Andrew Jackson.

1822: Mississippi Legislators meet for the first time in the first state-owned capitol, a two-story brick building at the corner of President and Capitol streets. The Legislature adopts the "Poindexter Code," prepared by Governor George Poindexter. It has served as the model for subsequent editions of the Mississippi Code.

1825: Gerard C. Brandon became the first Mississippi native to serve as governor.

1826: Hampstead Academy is chartered. Now Mississippi College, the Clinton school is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi.

1827: Frontiersman Jim Bowie duels near Natchez in a conflict that became known as the Sandbar Fight.

1830: Greenwood Leflore, who signed the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, becomes chief of the Choctaw Nation. He became a successful planter and state senator.

1831: First railroad is chartered by the Mississippi Legislature. The West Feliciana Railroad ran 26 miles from Woodville to the Mississippi River enabling efficient transport of cotton from inland areas to the river.

1832: Mississippi's second constitution reflects rise of Jeffersonian Democracy and is strongly influenced by democratic reforms associated with President Andrew Jackson. It removed the restriction limiting suffrage to property owners, provided all public officials including judges would be popularly elected and removed property qualifications and abolished life tenure for office holders.

1833: Slave traders rent property for a slave market at Forks of the Road located just outside Natchez.

1834: Cornerstone is laid for new State House, now known as the Old Capitol.

1838: Boundary line is established between Mississippi and Tennessee.

1839: Legislature meets for the first time in (Old) Capitol in Jackson, passing the Mississippi Women's Property Act protecting the property ownership rights of women.

1840: The first state penitentiary is built in Jackson on the site now occupied by the State Capitol building. Railroad line linking Jackson and Vicksburg completed, providing a major economic boost to growth in the capital city and work on the State Capitol is completed.

1842: Governor's Mansion is completed with Gov. Tilghman M. Tucker becoming the state's first chief executive to occupy the dwelling on Capitol Street.

1845: Natchez establishes the state's first public school system.
1846: Legislature passes a statewide public school law and funded schools by a special tax to be levied by the county boards of police.

1848: Hutchinson’s Mississippi Code is published. The Legislature purchased two thousand copies of the complete compilation of the laws of Mississippi.

1848: The Mississippi School for the Blind, the nation’s first state-supported institution for the handicapped, is established. Also, the State Lunatic Asylum is established in Jackson.

1850: Levee system begins when Mississippi receives title to more than three million acres of swamp and overflow land along its northwestern border with the Mississippi River. At this point, only 310 miles of levees had been built along the river, allowing for expanded cotton production in the Delta.

1857: State Agricultural Bureau is established.

1858: B.L.C. Wailes, a Natchez planter, legislator and historian incorporates the Historical Society of Mississippi to preserve state archives. Also, the first Mississippi State Fair is sponsored by the Mississippi Agricultural Bureau and the Mississippi Agricultural Society.

1859: Mississippi becomes the leading cotton producer in the nation.

1861: Delegates to the January Secession Convention in Jackson vote 84-15 to leave the Union, becoming the second state to do so. State troops occupy the unfinished U.S. fort on Ship Island. Mississippi’s delegation withdraws from the U.S. Congress and the Army of Mississippi is organized. Mississippi joins the Confederate States of America. On April 12, Civil War begins.

1862: Union forces take control of Corinth, the Battle of Shiloh ends in Union victory and Natchez surrenders to the U.S. Navy. U.S.S. Cairo is sunk in the Yazoo River. Confederates capture Holly Springs forcing Grant’s army to retreat back to Memphis.

1863: Union lays siege to Vicksburg. Union forces victorious in Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson and Champion Hill.

1865: Mississippi Legislature passes the Black Code, a forerunner to the more formal Jim Crow “separate but equal” laws of the 20th century. Mississippi refused to ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery and the Freedmen’s Bureau is created to provide assistance and aid for the transition from a life of slavery.

1866: Congress refuses to seat Mississippi’s delegation because of the state’s adoption of the Black Code. It is repealed. Women of Columbus decorate both Union and Confederate soldiers’ graves, a gesture said to have evolved into Memorial Day to recognize fallen soldiers.

1868: Mississippi’s first bi-racial constitutional convention—the “Black and Tan” Convention—drafted a constitution protecting the rights of former slaves and punishing ex-Confederates. It is rejected by Mississippi voters. The convention then drafted the Mississippi Constitution of 1868 with black participation. The constitution is ratified in 1869 and establishes a statewide public school system, set the educable age of children as 5 to 21, and protected the voting and civil rights of former slaves.

1870: Hiram R. Revels becomes the first African American seated in the U.S. Senate. Mississippi is readmitted into the Union.
1875: The Mississippi Plan is enacted by Mississippi Democrats to overthrow Republican rule through intimidation, violence and paramilitary groups. It spurred the Counterrevolution of 1875 in response to passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1875 by Congress.

1877: The Mississippi Legislature establishes the State Board of Health.

1878: Yellow fever epidemic sweeps through Mississippi with more than 16,000 cases reported and more than 4,000 deaths. Vicksburg alone had 1,149 deaths.

1886: Mississippi State Legislature passes the “Local Option Law” allowing counties to decide by election if they wanted to prohibit the sale of alcohol.

1887: Isaiah T. Montgomery founds Mound Bayou, an independent African American town, in Bolivar County.

1888: Mississippi enacts “Jim Crow” laws establishing racial segregation by law in all public facilities.

1890: Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is adopted. It institutes poll taxes and literacy tests, keeping most African Americans and many poor whites from voting.

1890: Windsor, the largest antebellum mansion built in Mississippi, burns. The Grand Opera House opens in Meridian with the first performance, *The Gypsy Baron* by Johann Strauss, presented entirely in German.

1894: Legislature adopts the official state flag of Mississippi, replacing the Magnolia flag. Coca-Cola is first bottled by Joseph A. Biedenhard in Vicksburg.

1901: Mississippi Legislature purchases land in Sunflower County and construction begins of the new Mississippi State Penitentiary. It is operated and known as Parchman Farm, named after its first warden J.M. Parchman. Construction also begins on a new state capitol building in Jackson on the site of the former state penitentiary.

1904: Mississippi’s timber boom begins, relying mostly on long-leaf yellow pine in the southern half of the state. Mississippi became third in the U.S. in lumber production. New towns grew along rail lines around lumber mills.

1907: Boll weevils decimate Mississippi’s cotton crop.

1908: Legislature outlaws the sale and importation of liquor as well as enacting child labor reforms that established the 10-hour work day, 58-hour work week and prohibited children under twelve from working in factories. Mississippi becomes the third largest shrimp producer in the U.S. Also, Stein Mart opened as a general merchandise store in Greenville. Mississippi’s first Mardi Gras parade is held in Biloxi with 17 floats.

1909: Mississippi’s first Carnegie public library opens in Houston and the first Parent Teacher Association chapter is founded in Crystal Springs. Mississippian Ida B. Wells helps found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Meridian acquires the Dentzel Carousel, originally built for the 1904 St. Louis Exposition. Prohibition goes into effect in Mississippi.

1910: “Secret Caucus of 1910” elects LeRoy Percy senator over James K. Vardaman after Theodore Bilbo accepted a bribe in order to prove that Vardaman’s opponents were bribing legislators.

1912: Mississippi River flooding kills 200 people and causes more than $45 million in damages.

1914: Mississippi’s first paved road—11½ miles of Highway 45—is built out of concrete in Lee County.
1917: Camp Shelby opens in Hattiesburg to train troops for World War I. The Payne Flying Field is established in West Point as a training center for pilots learning how to fly the “Jenny” planes. Mississippi ratifies Woodrow Wilson’s April 2 declaration of war on Germany.

1919: First Jitney Jungle grocery store opens in Jackson.

1921: Legislation authorizes the nation’s first junior college system by establishing Pearl River Junior College and Hinds County Junior College.

1922: Nellie Nugent Somerville is the first woman elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives.

1924: Belle Kearney of Madison County is elected to the state Senate, the first woman to hold that position. Masonite Corporation is founded in Laurel.

1925: Lieutenant Gov. Dennis Murphree launches the “Know Mississippi Better Train” to carry representatives of the state, exhibits of Mississippi resources, literature and public speakers across the U.S. to promote Mississippi to the outside world.

1927: Mississippi River floods 3 million acres of Delta land, displacing 700,000 people and killing hundreds. Declared the worst natural disaster in American history, it flooded 2,000 miles in 170 counties across seven states.

1929: Mississippi’s first commercial airfield, Hawkins Field, opens for passenger air service in Jackson. Delta Air Service operated the first passenger flights from Dallas to Jackson.

1930: William Faulkner buys Rowan Oak in Oxford and published *As I Lay Dying*.

1930: Legislation passes the Stansel Act which called for a primary road system of not more than 2,000 miles to connect county seats, principal highways of adjoining states, state institutions and other places in the state with a population of 500 or more. It also reduced the number of highways commissioners from eight to three.

1932: Natchez Garden Club holds the first Natchez Pilgrimage. A state sales tax of 2% goes into effect on retail goods pulling the state out of a $13 million deficit to replenish the state treasury with a $3 million surplus by 1936.

1934: Tupelo becomes the first city to receive electricity under the Tennessee Valley Authority’s wholesale power contract.

1936: State Legislature passes “Balance Agriculture with Industry” legislation authorizing local governments to issue bonds to attract industry.

1938: Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation comes to Pascagoula and became the largest industry in Mississippi during World War II.

1939: Oil is discovered in Mississippi near Tinsley about 40 miles northwest of Jackson.

1942: Federal government moves town of Coldwater as part of Arkabutla Lake development. Cap Van Dorn in Centreville opens as U.S. Army training facility. It later served as a prisoner of war camp before closing in 1945.

1944: First cotton crop is produced without hand labor at Hopson Planting Company near Clarksdale. Machines had planted the cotton, chopped it and eight International Harvester cotton pickers harvested the crop.

1945: Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council is organized and adopts constitution and by-laws, which were then approved of U.S. Department of the Interior.
1946: U.S. Senate investigates and censures Senator Theodore Bilbo for allegations of accepting bribes from defense contractors during World War II. After withdrawing from the Senate due to the charges, Bilbo died of cancer in 1947. John Stennis is elected to fill his Senate seat.

1947: Nella Massey Bailey is elected state tax collector, becoming the first woman to win statewide office. She is reelected in 1951 and 1955.

1948: Dixiecrats, also known as the State’s Rights Democratic Party known for opposing racial integrations, breaks away from the Democratic party.

1949: Burnita Shelton Matthews of Hazlehurst is appointed to U.S. District Court, the first woman in U.S. history appointed as a federal judge.

1949: William Grant Still of Woodville, debuts his opera *Troubled Island* in New York City. He is the first African American to conduct a symphony orchestra, to have a symphony of his own performed by a leading orchestra and to have an opera performed on national television.

1950: William Faulkner receives the Nobel Prize for Literature.

1953: WJTV Channel 25, the state’s first television station, goes on the air. The first broadcast is the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

1954: Robert Patterson from Sunflower County forms the first Citizens’ Council with 14 members.

1955: Tennessee Williams wins Pulitzer Prize for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

1955: Emmett Till, 14, is murdered for allegedly whistling at a white woman.

1956: Senator James O. Eastland co-authors the “Southern Manifesto” calling for massive resistance to Supreme Court desegregation rulings. The Legislature created the Sovereignty Commission to preserve segregations and act as a clearinghouse for information on civil rights activities and legislation.


1959: Miss Mississippi Mary Ann Mobley wins the Miss America title. Lynda Lee Mead wins the title in 1960.

1960: Dr. Gilbert Mason leads a “wade-in” demonstration to integrate the public beaches in Biloxi Beach.

1961: Freedom Riders are arrested immediately after arriving at the Greyhound and Trailways bus stations, the Illinois Central train station and the municipal airport at Hawkins Field. Instead of paying a $200 fine, they remained in jail for 39 days, eventually being sent to Parchman to serve out their sentences.

1962: James Meredith enrolls at the University of Mississippi, beginning the end of segregation in Mississippi’s public universities and colleges.

1963: Dr. James Hardy leads world’s first human lung transplant operation at the University Medical Center. In 1964, he leads the world’s first heart transplant at UMMC.

1963: Medgar Evers, field secretary of the NAACP, is assassinated in the driveway of his west Jackson home. Tougaloo College students begin sit-ins at Woolworth’s in Jackson and more than 400 students were arrested and held at Mississippi Fairgrounds after first mass protest march in Jackson.

1964: Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is formed, challenging the all-white state delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City. Also, journalist
Hazel Brannon Smith, editor and publisher of the Lexington advertiser, wins the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

1964: James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner are killed outside Philadelphia during Freedom Summer voter registration activities.

1965: U.S. Department of Justice files suit against Mississippi for the use of poll tax and the House Un-American Activities Committee opens hearings on the Ku Klux Klan calling Byron de la Beckwith and Klan Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers of Laurel to testify.

1969: Hurricane Camille hits the Mississippi Gulf Coast killing 259 people and causing $1.42 billion in damages.

1970: Most Mississippi public schools desegregate. Mississippi Public Television begins broadcasting and two Jackson State students are killed at a Vietnam War protest.

1972: Work begins on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to link the port at Mobile to ports on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

1973: Eudora Welty wins the Pulitzer Prize for her novel The Optimist's Daughter. Governor William Waller vetoes funding for the Sovereignty Commission which then, in response, votes to seal its files. Senate concurs in 1977, sending the records to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History until July 1, 2027.

1978: Sixteenth Section Lands and Lieu Lands Act is passed, transferring control from county boards of supervisors to local boards of education and requiring fair-market rental value on those lands.

1979: Easter Flood covers much of downtown Jackson as well as other towns along the Pearl River.

1980: Lenore Prather is first woman appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court.


1984: Governor Bill Allain implements a massive program of governmental reorganization.

1985: Judge Reuben Anderson becomes the first black Supreme Court Justice in Mississippi.

1989: Mississippian Richard H. Truly becomes first astronaut to head NASA.

1990: Mississippi Gaming Control Act is passed by Legislature allowing casinos on navigable waterways if local voters approve. Hancock County becomes first county to approve dockside gambling. First casinos open in 1992.

1993: Congressman Mike Espy becomes U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the first African American to serve in the post. Also, Haley Barbour becomes Republican National Committee chairman, serving from 1993 to 1997.

1994: Byron de la Beckwith is convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of Medgar Evers.

1995: Oseola McCarty, a laundress, donates $150,000 to University of Southern Mississippi for scholarships.


2005: Natchez Trace Parkway is completed, extending from Natchez to Nashville as a scenic drive and a U.S. Registered Historic District.

2005: Hurricane Katrina devastates the Mississippi Gulf Coast leaving 238 Mississippians dead and 67 missing. Damages were estimated at $75 billion.
2009: Former Governor Ray Mabus is appointed Secretary of the Navy. He previously served as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1994 to 1996.

2011: Toyota plant opens in Blue Springs near Tupelo.

2014: First election in Mississippi requiring voters to present an acceptable photo identification card at the polls in order to vote.

2017: The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum open in celebration of the state’s bicentennial celebration.

HISTORICAL ROSTER OF STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS (1798-1817)
Winthrop Sargent ........................... 1798-1801
William C.C. Claiborne ............... 1801-1805
Robert Williams .......................... 1805-1809
David Holmes .............................. 1809-1817

GOVERNORS (1817-2017)
David Holmes ............................... 1817-1820
George Poindexter ....................... 1820-1822
Walter Leake .............................. 1822-1825
Gerard Chittoque Brandon ...... 1825-1826
David Holmes ............................. 1826
Gerard Chittoque Brandon ... 1826-1832
Abram M. Scott ......................... 1832-1833
Charles Lynch ............................. 1833
Hiram G. Runnels ....................... 1833-1835
John Anthony Quitman ............... 1835-1836
Charles Lynch ......................... 1836-1838
Alexander Gallatin McNutt .... 1838-1842
Tilghman Mayfield Tucker .... 1842-1844
Albert Gallatin Brown ............... 1844-1848
Joseph W. Matthews .......... 1848-1850
John Anthony Quitman ............. 1850-1851
John Isaac Guion ...................... 1851
James Whitfield ....................... 1851-1852
Henry Stuart Foote ........ 1852-1854
John Jones Pettus ...................... 1854
John J. McRae ......................... 1854-1857
William McWillie ............... 1857-1859
John Jones Pettus .................... 1859-1863
Charles Clark .................... 1863-1865
William Lewis Sharkey ............. 1865
Benjamin Grubb Humphreys .. 1865-1868
Adelbert Ames .................. 1868-1870
James Lusk Alcorn ............... 1870-1871
Ridgley Ceylon Powers .... 1871-1874
Adelbert Ames .................. 1874-1876
John Marshall Stone .......... 1876-1882
Robert Lowry ...................... 1882-1890
John Marshall Stone ........... 1890-1896
Anselm Joseph McLaurin ...... 1896-1900
Andrew Houston Longino .. 1900-1904
James Kimble Vardaman .... 1904-1908
Edmond Favor Noel .............. 1908-1912
Earl LeRoy Brewer .............. 1912-1916
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo .... 1916-1920
Lee Maurice Russell .......... 1920-1924
Henry Lewis Whitfield .... 1924-1927
Dennis Murphree ............... 1927-1928
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo ....... 1928-1932
Martin S. (Mike) Conner ... 1932-1936
Hugh Lawson White .......... 1936-1940
Paul Burney Johnson Sr. .... 1940-1943
Dennis Murphree ............... 1943-1944
Thomas Lowry Bailey .. 1944-1946
Fielding L. Wright .......... 1946-1952
Hugh Lawson White .......... 1952-1956
James Plemon (J.P.) Coleman 1956-1960
Ross Robert Barnett ...... 1960-1964
Paul Burney Johnson Jr. .... 1964-1968
John Bell Williams .......... 1968-1972
William Lowe (Bill) Waller Sr. 1972-1976
Charles Clifton (Cliff) Finch .. 1976-1980
William Forrest Winter .... 1980-1984
Ray Mabus ....................... 1988-1992
Daniel Kirkwood (Kirk) Fordice 1992-2000
Ronnie Musgrove .......... 2000-2004
Haley Barbour .............. 2004-2012
Phil Bryant ..................... 2012-present

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (1817-1832)
Duncan Stewart ..................... 1817-1820
James Patton ..................... 1820-1822
The Office of Lieutenant Governor was abolished by the Constitution of 1832, and the duties of President of the Senate were incorporated into a separate office.

**PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE (1833-1870)**

Charles Lynch..........................1833-1834
P. Briscoe............................1834-1836
W. Van Norman ......................1836-1837
Alexander Gallatin McNutt........1837-1838
A.L. Bingaman........................1838-1840
G.B. Augustus.......................1840-1842
Jesse Speight .......................1842-1843
A. Fox ................................1843-1844
Jesse Speight .......................1844-1846
G.T. Swan ............................1846-1848
Dabney Lipscomb...................1848-1851
James Whitfield....................1851-1854
John J. Pettus ......................1854-1858
James Drane ........................1858-1865
John M. Simonton ................1865-1869

The Constitution of 1869 re-established the office of Lieutenant Governor. This office also re-assumed the duties of President of the Senate.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (1870-2017)**

Ridgley C. Powers..................1870-1871
A.K. Davis..........................1871-1876
John M. Stone......................1876-1878
William H. Sims ..................1878-1882
G.D. Shands .........................1882-1890
M.M. Evans ........................1890-1896
J.H. Jones ..........................1896-1900
James T. Harrison .................1900-1904
John Prentiss Carter .............1904-1908
Luther Manship ....................1908-1912
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo ..........1912-1916
Lee Maurice Russell ................1916-1920
Homer Harris Casteel .............1920-1924
Dennis Murphree ...................1924-1927
Clayton Bidwell Adams ..........1928-1932
Dennis Murphree ...................1932-1936
Jacob Buehler Snider .............1936-1940
Dennis Murphree ...................1940-1943
Fielding L. Wright ...............1944-1946
Sam Lumpkin .......................1948-1952
Carroll Gartin .....................1952-1960
Paul Burney Johnson Jr. ..........1960-1964
Carroll Gartin .....................1964-1966
Charles L. Sullivan ................1968-1972
Evelyn Gandy .......................1976-1980
Ronnie Musgrove ...................1996-2000
Amy Tuck ..........................2000-2008
Phil Bryant .........................2008-2012
Tate Reeves ........................2012-present

**TERRITORIAL SECRETARIES (1798-1817)**

John Steele .........................1798-1801
Cato West ..........................1803-1805
Thomas Hill Williams .............1805
Cowles Mead .......................1806-1807
Thomas H. Williams ...............1807-1809
Henry Dangerfield .................1810-1814
Nathaniel A. Ware ................1815-1816

**SECRETARIES OF STATE (1817-2017)**

Daniel Williams ..................1817-1821
John A. Grimball .................1821-1833
D.C. Dickson ......................1833-1835
Barry W. Benson ..................1835-1837
David Dickson ......................1837-1839
T.B. Woodward .....................1839-1841
L.G. Galloway ......................1841-1843
Wilson Hemingway .........1843-1847
Samuel Stamps ....................1847-1850
Joseph Bell .........................1850-1852
James A. Horne ....................1852-1854
William H. Muse ..................1854-1855
A.B. Dilworth ......................1855-1860
B.R. Webb ..........................1860
C.A. Brougher ......................1860-1865
A. Warner ..........................1865-1869
Henry Musgrove ....................1869
James Lynch .......................1869-1872
Hiram R. Revels .................1872-1873
H.C. Carter ........................1873
M.M. McLeod .......................1873
H.C. Carter ........................1873-1874
James Hill .........................1874-1878
Kinloch Falconer ..................1878
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D.P. Porter ........................................... 1878
Henry C. Myers ................................. 1878-1886
George M. Govan ................................ 1886-1896
John Logan Power .............................. 1896-1901
Joseph Withers Power .......................... 1901-1926
Walker Wood ..................................... 1926-1948
Heber Austin Ladner ............................ 1948-1980
Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman ..................... 1980-1984
Dick Molpus ...................................... 1984-1996
Eric Clark ........................................... 1996-2008
Delbert Hosemann .............................. 2008-present

TERRITORIAL TREASURERS GENERAL
(1802-1817)
Abner Green
William Brooks

STATE TREASURERS (1817-2017)
Samuel Brooks ................................. 1817-1818
Peter Schuyler ................................. 1818-1821
Samuel C. Wooldridge ......................... 1821-1828
James Phillips Jr ............................... 1828-1836
Charles C. Mayson .................... 1836-1838
James Phillips ................................. 1838
J.A. Vanhosen ................................. 1838-1839
Silas Brown .................................. 1839
S. Craig ........................................... 1839
James G. Williams ......................... 1839-1840
Joshua S. Curtis ......................... 1840-1841
Richard S. Graves ......................... 1841-1843
William Clark .................................. 1843-1847
Richard Griffith .............................. 1847-1851
William Clark .................................. 1851-1854
Shields L. Hussey .............................. 1854-1860
M.D. Haynes ................................. 1860-1865
W.B. Weaver .................................. 1865
John H. Ecchols ....................... 1865-1869
William H. Vassar ......................... 1869-1874
G.H. Holland ......................... 1874-1875
M.L. Holland ................................. 1875
William L. Hemingway .................... 1875-1890
J.J. Evans ................................. 1890-1896
A.Q. May ...................................... 1896-1900
J.R. Stowers ................................. 1900-1901
George W. Carlisle .................. 1901-1902
Thad B. Lampton .................. 1902-1904
William Jones Miller ............. 1904-1908
George Robert Edwards ............ 1908-1912

Peter Simpson Stovall ............... 1912-1916
John Perott Taylor ............... 1916-1920
Larkin Seymour Rodgers .......... 1920
William Moseley Murry .......... 1920-1924
Ben Shem Lowry .................. 1924-1928
Webb Walley ....................... 1928-1932
Lewis S. May ............... 1932-1936
Newton James ............... 1936-1940
Lewis S. May .................. 1940-1944
Newton James .................. 1944-1948
R.W. May ....................... 1948-1952
Newton James .................. 1952-1956
Robert D. Morrow Sr ........ 1956-1960
Evelyn Gandy .................. 1960-1964
William Forrest Winter ...... 1964-1968
Evelyn Gandy .................. 1968-1972
Bradford Johnson (Brad) Dye Jr. 1972-1976
Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman ...... 1976-1980
John L. Dale .................. 1980
Peyton Prospere .......... 2003-2004
Tate Reeves .................. 2004-2012
Lynn Fitch .................. 2012-present

TERRITORIAL AUDITORS (1798-1817)
Charles B. Howell
Beverly R. Grayson
Park Walton

STATE AUDITORS (1817-2017)
John R. Girault .................. 1817-1821
John Richards .................. 1821-1822
Hiram G. Runnels .......... 1822-1830
Thomas B.J. Hadley ........ 1830-1833
John H. Mallory ........ 1833-1837
A.B. Saunders .......... 1837-1842
J.E. Matthews ........ 1842-1847
George T. Swann .......... 1847-1851
Daniel R. Russell ........ 1851-1855
Madison McAfee .......... 1855-1859
E.R. Burt ........ 1859-1861
A.B. Dilworth ........ 1861-1862
A.J. Gillespie ........ 1862-1865
Thomas T. Swann .......... 1865-1869
Henry Musgrove ........ 1869-1874
William H. Gibbs ........ 1874-1878
Sylvester Gwin .......... 1878-1886
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TERRITORIAL ATTORNEYS GENERAL (1799-1817)
Lyman Harding ............... 1799-1803
George Poindexter ............ 1803-1807
Seth Lewis, West District .... 1807-1808
William B. Shields, West District. 1808-1814
Christopher Rankin, West District 1814-1817
Nicholas Perkins, East District 1807-1809
Lemuel Henry, East District .... 1809-1812
Joseph Carson, East District .... 1812-1817
Louis Winston, Madison County 1809-1817

ATTORNEYS GENERAL (1818-2017)
Lyman Harding ............... 1818-1820
Edward Turner ............... 1820-1821
Thomas B. Reed ............... 1821-1825
Richard Stockton ............ 1825-1828
George Adams ............... 1828-1829
Robert H. Buckner ............ 1829-1830
R.M. Gaines ............... 1830-1834
M.D. Patton ............... 1834-1837
T.F. Collins ............... 1837-1841
John D. Freeman ............ 1841-1853
D.C. Glenn ............... 1853-1857
T.J. Wharton ............... 1857-1865
Charles E. Hooker ............ 1865-1868
Jasper Myers ............... 1868-1870
Joshua S. Morris ............ 1870-1874
George E. Harris ............ 1874-1878
Thomas C. Catchings ........ 1878-1885
Thomas S. Ford ............ 1885-1886
T. Marshall Miller ............ 1886-1893
Frank Johnston ............ 1893-1896
Wiley N. Nash ............ 1896-1900
Monroe McClurg ............ 1900-1903
William Williams ............ 1903-1907
Robert Virgil Fletcher ........ 1907-1908
J. Bowman Sterling ............ 1908-1910
Shepherd Spencer Hudson .... 1910-1912
Rosser Alexander Collins .... 1912-1920
Frank Roberson ............ 1920-1923
C.D. Potter ............ 1923-1924
Rush Hightower Knox ........ 1924-1928
George T. Mitchell ............ 1928-1932
Greek L. Rice ............ 1932-1952
James Plemon (J.P.) Coleman .... 1952-1956
Joseph Turner Patterson .... 1956-1969
Albioun Fernando Summer .... 1969-1980
William A. (Bill) Allain .... 1980-1984
Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman .... 1984-1988
Mike Moore ............ 1988-2004
Jim Hood ............ 2004-present

COMMISSIONERS OF INSURANCE (1902-2017)
William Qualls Cole ........ 1902-1908
Thomas Monroe Henry ........ 1908-1928
Ben Shem Lowry ............ 1928-1932
George D. Riley ............ 1932-1935
J.H. Johnson ............ 1935-1936
J.S. Williams ............ 1936-1944
Jesse L. White ............ 1944-1952
Walter Dell Davis .......... 1952-1972
Evelyn Dell Davis .......... 1972-1976
George Dale ............ 1976-2008
Mike Chaney ............ 2008-present

TERRITORIAL REGISTERS OF THE LAND OFFICE (1803-1817)
Edward Turner, west of Pearl River .... 1803
Joseph Chambers, east of Pearl River .... 1804
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Henry Dangerfield, west of Pearl River .. 1804
Thomas Fitzpatrick, west of Pearl River .. 1804
Thomas H. Williams, west of Pearl River 1805
Nicholas Perkins, east of Pearl River ....1806
Nicholas Gray, west of Pearl River......1815
Alexander Pope, Mississippi ............1817

LAND COMMISSIONERS (1877-1980)
John M. Smylie .................. 1877-1884
P.M. Doherty .................... 1884-1886
John R. Enochs .................. 1886-1888
J.W. McMaster .................. 1888-1890
Edgar S. Wilson ................ 1890-1896
John M. Simonton ............... 1896-1898
Edwin Hargrove Nall ............. 1898-1909
James Lewis Gillespie ......... 1909-1912
Mark Anthony Brown ........... 1912-1921
R.D. Moore ...................... 1921-1940
Guy McCullen .................. 1940-1948
W.L. McGahey .................. 1948-1956
Robert Earl Graham ........... 1956-1968
Watt Carter ..................... 1968-1976
John Ed Ainsworth ............. 1976-1980
The office of Land Commissioner was abolished by the Legislature in 1980, and its duties were assumed by the Secretary of State's Office.

COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE (1906-2017)
Henry Edward Blakeslee .......... 1906-1916
Peter Parley Garner .......... 1916-1928
J.C. Holton ..................... 1928-1940
Silas Edward Corley .......... 1940-1968
Jim Buck Ross ................. 1968-1996
Lester Spell ..................... 1996-2012
Cindy Hyde-Smith ............ 2012-present

PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE (1817-1832)
Presidents Pro Tempore of the Mississippi Senate under provisions of the 1817 Constitution:
Assembly, 1819
Joseph Johnson, Third Session
Thomas Torrance, Fifth Session,
Adjourned, 1822
Thomas Torrance, Sixth Session, 1822-1823
Bartley C. Barry, Eighth Session, 1825
Thomas Freeland, Ninth Session, 1826

William Dowsing, Eleventh Session, 1828
Parmenas Briscoe, Fifteenth Session, 1831
The Office of Lieutenant Governor was abolished by the Constitution of 1832, and was again established by the Constitution of 1869. The 1832 Constitution of the State of Mississippi stated that "the Senate shall choose a president and its officers."

PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE (1833-2017)
Charles Lynch .................. 1833-1834
P. Briscoe ....................... 1834-1836
W. Van Norman ................ 1836-1837
A.G. McNutt .................... 1837-1838
A.L. Bingham .................. 1838-1840
G.B. Augustus ................. 1840-1842
Jesse Speight ................. 1842-1843
G.T. Swan ................ 1846-1848
Dabney Lipscomb ............ 1848-1851
James Whitfield ............. 1851-1854
J.J. Pettus ................. 1854-1858
James Drane ............... 1858-1865
J.M. Simonton ........... 1865-1869
W.M. Hancock .......... 1870
Joseph Bennett .......... 1872
F.H. Little ..................... 1872*
*elected presiding officer Pro Tempore to serve in absence of President Pro Tempore
F.H. Little ..................... 1874
John M. Stone ................. 1875*
*elected President Pro Tempore of Senate June 3, 1875 installed as Governor on March 29, 1876
William H. Sims ............. 1876*
*elected President Pro Tempore,
March 29, 1876
Reuben O. Reynolds .......... 1878
R.O. Reynolds ............... 1882
Reuben O. Reynolds .......... 1884
R.O. Reynolds ............... 1886
J.P. Walker ............... 1888
R.A. Dean .............. 1890
R.A. Dean .............. 1892
J.T. Harrison .......... 1896
J.R. Densmore .......... 1900
E.H. Moore .......... 1904
John L. Hebron .......... 1908
A.C. Anderson .......... 1912
C. Kendrick                      1916  
J.D. Fatheree                  1920  
M.P.L. Love                    1924  
H.H. Casteel                   1928  
W.C. Adams                     1932  
John Culkin                    1936  
W.B. Roberts                   1940  
Oscar O. Wolfe Jr.             1944  
Oscar O. Wolfe Jr.             1948  
J.O. Clark                     1952  
Earl Evans Jr.                 1956  
George Yarbrough               1960  
George Yarbrough               1964  
Merle F. Palmer                1968  
Marion Smith                   1971  
B.G. Perry                     1972  
William B. Alexander           1976  
William B. Alexander           1980  
Thomas N. Brooks               1984  
Glen S. Deweese                1986  
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Ollie Mohammed                 1992  
Walter (Pud) Graham            1994  
Thomas A. Gollott              1996  
Travis L. Little               2000  
Travis L. Little               2004  
William G. Hewes III           2008  
Terry W. Brown                 2012  
Giles Ward                     2015  
Terry C. Burton                2016  

Jesse Speight                   1840-1841  
J.A. Ventress                   1841-1842  
R.W. Roberts                   1842-1844  
J.L. Totten                    1844-1846  
James Whitfield                1846-1848  
John J. McRae                  1848-1852  
William S. Patton              1852-1854  
Hiram Cassedy                  1854-1856  
William S. Barry               1856-1858  
James L. Autry                 1858-1859  
J.A.P. Campbell                1859-1861  
William A. Lake                1861-1862  
J.P. Scales                    1862-1863  
Lock E. Houston                1863-1865  
S.J. Gholson                   1865-1870  
F.E. Franklin                  1870-1871  
H.W. Warren                    1871-1872  
John R. Lynch                  1872-1873  
H.M. Street                    1873-1874  
I.D. Shad                     1874-1876  
H.M. Street                    1876-1878  
W.A. Percy                     1878-1880  
B.F. Johns                     1880-1882  
W.H.H. Tison                   1882-1884  
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C.B. Mitchel                   1888-1890  
J.S. Madison                   1890-1892  
H.M. Street                    1892-1894  
J.K. Vardaman                  1894-1896  
J.F. McCool                    1896-1900  
A.J. Russell                   1900-1902  
Emmet Thomas                   1904-1908  
Hugh M. Street                 1908-1912  
Hillrie M. Quin                1912-1916  
Martin S. Connor               1916-1924  
Thomas L. Bailey               1924-1936  
Horace Stansel                 1936-1936  
Fielding Wright                1936-1940  
Samuel Lumpkin                 1940-1944  
Walter Sillers                 1944-1966  
John R. Junkin                 1966-1976  
Tim Ford                       1988-2004  
William J. McCoy               2004-2012  
Philip Gunn                    2012-present

SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (1817-2017)
Thomas A. Barnes .................. 1817-1819
Edward Turner ..................... 1819-1821
B.R. Grayson ...................... 1821-1822
G.C. Brandon ...................... 1822-1823
Cowles Mead ...................... 1823-1827
I.R. Nicholson .................... 1827-1829
C.B. Greene ....................... 1829-1830
W.L. Sharkey ...................... 1830-1831
Joseph Dunbar ..................... 1831-1832
M.P. Degafenreid .................. 1832-1833
David Pembel ...................... 1833-1834
A.L. Bingaman ..................... 1834-1836
John Irvin ......................... 1836-1837
William Vannerson ................. 1837-1838
J.W. King .......................... 1838-1840

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STATE HOLIDAYS IN MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY
New Year’s Day ........................................................................................................................................ 1st Day
Martin Luther King’s Birthday .................................................................................................................. 3rd Monday
Robert E. Lee’s Birthday ......................................................................................................................... 3rd Monday

FEBRUARY
George Washington’s Birthday ................................................................................................................ 3rd Monday

APRIL
Confederate Memorial Day ....................................................................................................................... Last Monday

MAY
National Memorial Day .............................................................................................................................. Last Monday
Jefferson Davis’ Birthday ......................................................................................................................... Last Monday

JULY
Independence Day (July Fourth) .............................................................................................................. 4th Day

SEPTEMBER
Labor Day ................................................................................................................................................... 1st Monday

NOVEMBER
Armistice Day (Veteran’s Day) .................................................................................................................. 11th Day
Thanksgiving Day
The day of Thanksgiving is fixed by proclamation by the Governor and shall be fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the United States. Miss. Code Ann. § 3-3-7 (1972). The Governor, at his discretion, designates any additional day(s) for further observance of the Thanksgiving Season by the same proclamation.

DECEMBER
Christmas Day ........................................................................................................................................... 25th Day
In addition to Christmas Day, any day(s) designated, at the Governor’s discretion, for the observance of the Christmas Season are fixed by proclamation by the Governor. Miss. Code Ann. § 3-3-7 (1972).

Yearly proclamations available on Secretary of State’s website (www.sos.ms.gov)
## MISSISSIPPI CLIMATE INFORMATION

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## MISSISSIPPI CENSUS STATISTICS

### POPULATION

Population estimates, July 1, 2015, (V2015) .......................................................... 2,992,333  
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2015) ..................................................... 2,968,103  
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2015, (V2015) ....0.8%  
Population, Census, April 2010 .................................................................................. 2,967,297

### AGE AND SEX

Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) .................................................. 6.4%  
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010 ............................................................... 7.1%  
Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ............................................. 24.3%  
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010 ............................................................. 25.5%  
Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ........................................ 14.7%  
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010 ......................................................... 12.8%  
Female persons, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ............................................................ 51.5%  
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010 ...................................................................... 51.4%

### RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

White alone, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ................................................................. 59.5%  
White alone, percent, April 1, 2010 ............................................................................. 59.1%  
Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ............................. 37.6%  
Black or African American alone, percent, April 1, 2010 ........................................... 37.0%  
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ................. 0.6%  
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, April 1, 2010 .............................. 0.5%  
Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ................................................................. 1.1%  
Asian alone, percent, April 1, 2010 ............................................................................. 0.9%  
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2015 (V2015) .....0.1%  
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, April 1, 2010 ................. < 0.1%  
Two or more races, percent, July 1, 2015 (V2015) ....................................................... 1.2%  
Two or more races, percent, April 1, 2010 .................................................................. 1.1%  
Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2015 (V2015) ....................................................... 3.1%  
Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010 .................................................................. 2.7%  
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015) .......................... 57.0%  
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010 ......................................... 58.0%

### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Veterans, 2010-2014 ........................................................................................................ 192,952  
Foreign born persons, percent, 2010-2014 .................................................................. 2.2%

### HOUSING

Housing units, July 1, 2015, (V2015) ........................................................................... 1,300,892  
Housing units, April 1, 2010 ......................................................................................... 1,274,719  
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2010-2014 ........................................................... 68.9%  
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2014 ....................................... $100,800  
Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2010-2014 ....................... $1,090  
Median selected monthly owner costs - without a mortgage, 2010-2014 ................. $342  
Median gross rent, 2010-2014 ..................................................................................... $714  
Building permits, 2015 ............................................................................................... 6,845
HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
Households, 2010-2014................................................................. 1,092,627
Persons per household, 2010-2014.................................................. 2.64
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2010-2014..... 86.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2010-2014 ...... 3.9%

EDUCATION
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014........ 81.9%
Bachelor’s degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014 ............. 20.4%

HEALTH
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2010-2014............................. 11.9%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent............................. 16.8%

ECONOMY
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2010-2014........ 57.9%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2010-2014 ...... 54.0%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 ($1,000) ......................... 6,999,175
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 ($1,000) ............ 16,630,587
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 ($1,000) ............................................. 66,441,608
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 ($1,000) ................................................. 28,302,952
Total retail sales, 2012 ($1,000) ...................................................................... 37,053,190
Total retail sales per capita, 2012........................................................................... $12,413

TRANSPORTATION
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+ years, 2010-2014............... 24.0

INCOME AND POVERTY
Median household income, 2010-2014.................................................. $39,464
Per capita income in past 12 months, 2010-2014 ........................................ $20,956
Persons in poverty, percent............................................................................... 21.5%

BUSINESSES
Total employer establishments, 2014....................................................... 85,541
Total employment, 2014............................................................................. 912,014
Total annual payroll, 2014......................................................................... 32,776,761
Total nonemployer establishments, 2014..................................................... 209,279
All firms, 2012 ......................................................................................... 235,454
Men-owned firms, 2012............................................................................. 125,079
Women-owned firms, 2012............................................................... 89,159
Minority-owned firms, 2012.................................................................... 74,824
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012............................................................ 155,094
Veteran-owned firms, 2012..................................................................... 26,789
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012.............................................................. 198,566
**GEOGRAPHY**

Population per square mile, 2010 ................................................................. 63.2
Land area in square miles, 2010 ................................................................. 46,923.27

*Source: www.census.gov*

**SEX AND AGE**

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Median age (years) ................................................................. 36.3

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**RACE**

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Land area in square miles, 2010 ................................................................. 46,923.27
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| Households with one or more people under 18 years ................ | 379,650 | 34.7 |
| Households with one or more people 65 years and over ............ | 288,501 | 26.4 |

| Average household size .................................................. | 2.64 |
| Average family size ....................................................... | 3.23 |

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HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units ............................................................... 1,284,794
Occupied housing units .......................................................... 1,092,627 85.0
Vacant housing units ............................................................. 192,167 15.0

Homeowner vacancy rate ......................................................... 2.0
Rental vacancy rate ............................................................... 10.6

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units .......................................................... 1,092,627
Owner-occupied housing units ............................................... 752,825 68.9
Renter-occupied housing units .............................................. 339,802 31.1

Average household size of owner-occupied units .................... 2.64
Average household size of renter-occupied units ..................... 2.65

EMployment STATUS

Population 16 years and over .................................................. 2,323,223

In labor force ............................................................................ 1,356,974 58.4
Civilian labor force ................................................................. 1,346,038 57.9
- Employed ........................................................................... 1,198,828 51.6
- Unemployed ......................................................................... 147,210 6.3
Armed Forces ......................................................................... 10,936 0.5
Not in labor force .................................................................... 966,249 41.6

Civilian labor force ................................................................. 1,346,038
Percent Unemployed ............................................................... 10.9

Females 16 years and over ....................................................... 1,211,740

In labor force ............................................................................ 656,803 54.2
-Civilian labor force ............................................................... 654,911 54.0
Employed ................................................................................. 583,200 48.1

Own children under 6 years .................................................... 230,117
All parents in family in labor force ........................................... 155,418 67.5

Own children 6 to 17 years ....................................................... 462,643
All parents in family in labor force ........................................... 330,099 71.4

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over ....................................................... 1,183,892

Car, truck, or van – drove alone ............................................. 995,987 84.1
Car, truck, or van – carpooled ............................................... 120,804 10.2
Public transportation (excluding taxicab) ............................... 4,903 0.4
Walked .................................................................................... 18,695 1.6
Other means ........................................................................... 16,863 1.4
Worked at home .................................................................... 26,640 2.3

Mean travel time to work (minutes) ........................................ 24.0
OCCUPATION
Civilian employed population 16 years and over............. 1,198,828
  Management, business, science, and arts occupations ..... 373,184 .................. 31.1
  Service occupations ............................................. 214,860 .................. 17.9
  Sales and office occupations .................................. 284,324 .................. 23.7
  Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations .. 135,042 .................. 11.3
  Production, transportation, and material moving occupations ... 191,418 .................. 16.0

INDUSTRY
Civilian employed population 16 years and over............. 1,198,828
  Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining...... 37,090 .................. 3.1
  Construction ........................................................ 80,532 .................. 6.7
  Manufacturing ....................................................... 156,738 .................. 13.1
  Wholesale trade .................................................... 31,080 .................. 2.6
  Retail trade .......................................................... 141,451 .................. 11.8
  Transportation and warehousing, and utilities ............... 67,417 .................. 5.6
  Information .......................................................... 16,383 .................. 1.4
  Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing58,015 .................. 4.8
  Professional, scientific, and management,
  and administrative and waste management services .......... 76,478 .................. 6.4
  Educational services, and health care and social assistance... 293,617 .................. 24.5
  Arts, entertainment, and recreation,
  and accommodation and food services ......................... 113,425 .................. 9.5
  Other services, except public administration ................ 58,346 .................. 4.9
  Public administration .............................................. 68,256 .................. 5.7

CLASS OF WORKER
Civilian employed population 16 years and over............. 1,198,828
  Private wage and salary workers ................................ 900,431 .................. 75.1
  Government workers ................................................. 229,169 .................. 19.1
  Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers .. 67,438 .................. 5.6
  Unpaid family workers ............................................. 1,790 .................. 0.1

INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)
Total households ................................................... 1,092,627
  Less than $10,000 ................................................ 122,908 .................. 11.2
  $10,000 to $14,999 .............................................. 85,676 .................. 7.8
  $15,000 to $24,999 .............................................. 153,950 .................. 14.1
  $25,000 to $34,999 .............................................. 131,494 .................. 12.0
  $35,000 to $49,999 .............................................. 158,093 .................. 14.5
  $50,000 to $74,999 .............................................. 185,625 .................. 17.0
  $75,000 to $99,999 .............................................. 109,443 .................. 10.0
  $100,000 to $149,999 .......................................... 94,413 .................. 8.6
  $150,000 to $199,999 .......................................... 27,148 .................. 2.5
  $200,000 or more ............................................... 23,877 .................. 2.2

  Median household income (dollars) ............................. 39,464
  Mean household income (dollars) ............................... 54,881
  With earnings ..................................................... 800,753 .................. 73.3
    Mean earnings (dollars) ........................................ 57,982
    With Social Security .......................................... 360,027 .................. 33.0
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FERTILITY
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months..........................40,275
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)..19,428..........48.2
Per 1,000 unmarried women........................................46
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old..........................55
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old...........................31
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old..........................104
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old..........................17

GRANDPARENTS
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years..........................92,434
Responsible for grandchildren..........................51,708........55.9
Years responsible for grandchildren
Less than 1 year.................................................................9,864........10.7
1 or 2 years..........................................................11,876........12.8
3 or 4 years..........................................................8,125........8.8
5 or more years..........................................................21,843........23.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years..........................51,708
Who are female..........................................................33,608........65.0
Who are married..........................................................35,264........68.2

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school..........................814,005
Nursery school, preschool..................................................52,209........6.4
Kindergarten..........................................................46,908........5.8
Elementary school (grades 1-8)........................................333,499........41.0
High school (grades 9-12).............................................164,091........20.2
College or graduate school.............................................217,298........26.7

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
Population 25 years and over............................................1,929,591
Less than 9th grade..........................................................119,170........6.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.........................................229,320........11.9
High school graduate (includes equivalency)..................583,633........30.2
Some college, no degree..................................................440,021........22.8
Associate’s degree......................................................163,693........8.5
Bachelor’s degree.........................................................248,884........12.9
Graduate or professional degree....................................144,880........7.5
Percent high school graduate or higher..........................81.9
Percent bachelor’s degree or higher.................................20.4

VETERAN STATUS
Civilian population 18 years and over..........................2,230,110
Civilian veterans..........................................................192,952........8.7
**RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO**

| Description | Population | %  
|-------------|------------|---
| Population 1 year and over | 2,947,602 |  
| Same house | 2,534,918 | 86.0  
| Different house in the U.S. | 405,442 | 13.8  
| Same county | 223,406 | 7.6  
| Different county | 182,036 | 6.2  
| Same state | 110,163 | 3.7  
| Different state | 71,873 | 2.4  
| Abroad | 7,242 | 0.2  

**PLACE OF BIRTH**

| Description | Population | %  
|-------------|------------|---
| Total population | 2,984,345 |  
| Native | 2,917,374 | 97.8  
| Born in United States | 2,900,679 | 97.2  
| State of residence | 2,132,763 | 71.5  
| Different state | 767,916 | 25.7  
| Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s) | 16,695 | 0.6  
| Foreign born | 66,971 | 2.2  

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS**

| Description | Population | %  
|-------------|------------|---
| Foreign-born population | 66,971 |  
| Naturalized U.S. citizen | 23,498 | 35.1  
| Not a U.S. citizen | 43,473 | 64.9  

**YEAR OF ENTRY**

| Description | Population | %  
|-------------|------------|---
| Population born outside the United States | 83,666 |  
| Native | 16,695 |  
| Entered 2010 or later | 1,122 | 7.3  
| Entered before 2010 | 15,483 | 92.7  
| Foreign born | 66,971 |  
| Entered 2010 or later | 6,955 | 10.4  
| Entered before 2010 | 60,016 | 89.6  

**WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN**

| Region | Population | %  
|--------|------------|---
| Europe | 6,743 | 10.1  
| Asia | 22,277 | 33.3  
| Africa | 1,920 | 2.9  
| Oceania | 249 | 0.4  
| Latin America | 34,332 | 51.3  
| Northern America | 1,450 | 2.2  

**LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME**

| Description | Population | %  
|-------------|------------|---
| Population 5 years and over | 2,782,892 |  
| English only | 2,675,205 | 96.1  
| Language other than English | 107,687 | 3.9  

Speak English less than “very well” .................................................. 42,379 .............. 1.5
Spanish ............................................................ 65,883 .................. 2.4
Speak English less than “very well” ........................................... 28,414 .............. 1.0
Other Indo-European languages ............................................. 16,258 .............. 0.6
Speak English less than “very well” ............................................ 3,997 .............. 0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages ........................................ 18,127 .............. 0.7
Speak English less than “very well” ............................................. 8,057 .............. 0.3
Other languages .............................................................. 7,419 .................. 0.3
Speak English less than “very well” .............................................. 1,911 .............. 0.1

**ANCESTRY**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
MISSISSIPPI FIRSTS

- In 1963, the University of Mississippi Medical Center accomplished the world's first human lung transplant and, on January 23, 1964, Dr. James D. Hardy performed the world's first heart transplant surgery.

- Borden's Condensed Milk was first canned in Liberty.

- The first bottle of Dr. Tichener's Antiseptic was produced in Liberty.

- H.T. Merrill from Iuka performed the world's first round trip trans-oceanic flight in 1928.

- In 1884 the concept of selling shoes in boxes in pairs (right foot and left foot) occurred in Vicksburg at Phil Gilbert's Shoe Parlor on Washington Street.

- The first female rural mail carrier in the United States was Mrs. Mamie Thomas. She delivered mail by buggy to the area southeast of Vicksburg in 1914.

- Historic Jefferson College, circa 1802, was the first preparatory school established in the Mississippi Territory. Located in Washington the educational institution is also the site where tradition holds Aaron Burr was arraigned for treason in 1807, beneath what became known as Burr Oaks.

- William Grant, of Woodville, was the first African American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra.

- Burnita Shelton Mathews of Hazelhurst was the first woman federal judge in the United States and served in Washington, D.C.

- Dr. Emmette F. Izard of Hazelhurst developed the first fibers of rayon. They became known as the first real synthetics.

- The first nuclear submarine built in the south was produced in Mississippi.

- Mississippi was the first state in the nation to have a planned system of junior colleges.

- Leontyne Price was the first African American to become a leading prima donna at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

- The first football player on a Wheaties box was Walter Payton of Columbia.

- Natchez was settled by the French in 1716 and was the first permanent settlement on the Mississippi River. Natchez once had 500 millionaires, more than any other city except New York City.

- Pine Sol was invented in 1929 by Jackson native Harry A. Cole, Sr.

- Root beer was invented in Biloxi in 1898 by Edward Adolf Barq, Sr.