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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.
- 1763:** Treaty of Paris ends the French and Indian War with France giving up land east of the Mississippi, except for New Orleans, to England.
- 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 first bi-racial constitution 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.
- 1868:** The Mississippi Constitution of 1868, drafted by a second convention with black participation, 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. It is ratified in 1869.
- 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:** U.S. purchases land for the Mississippi Choctaw reservation.

- 1922:** Legislature authorizes the nation's first junior college system by establishing Pearl River Junior College and Hinds County Junior College.
- 1923:** 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:** Legislature 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.
- 1956:** Elvis Presley posts first #1 hit, *Heartbreak Hotel*, on the Billboard chart.
- 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.
- 1982:** Governor William Winter calls special legislative session for adoption of Education Reform Act.
- 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.
- 2000:** Nissan announces plan to build plant in Madison County. It opens in 2003.
- 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.

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 (1817-2012)

David Holmes	1817-1820
George Poindexter	1820-1822
Walter Leake	1822-1825
Gerard Chittocque Brandon	1825-1826
David Holmes	1826
Gerard Chittocque 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
William A. (Bill) Allain	1984-1988
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
David Dickson	1822-1824
Gerard Chittocque Brandon	1824-1826
Abram M. Scott	1828-1832
Fountain Winston	1832

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 (1870-2012)

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
William Forrest Winter	1972-1976
Evelyn Gandy	1976-1980
Bradford Johnson (Brad) Dye, Jr.	1980-1992
Eddie Briggs	1992-1996
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 (1817-2012)

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
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
Samuel Brooks

State Treasurers (1817-2012)

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. Vanhoesen	1838-1839
Silas Brown	1839
S. Craig	1839
James G. Williams	1839
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. Echols	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 Peroult 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
William J. (Bill) Cole III	1980-1988
Marshall G. Bennett	1988-2003
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 (1817-2012)

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
W.W. Stone	1886-1896
W.D. Holder	1896-1900
William Qualls Cole	1900-1904
T.M. Henry	1904-1908
Elias Jefferson Smith	1908-1912
Duncan Lafayette Thompson	1912-1916
Robert A. Wilson	1916-1920
W.J. Miller	1920-1924
George Dumah Riley	1924-1928
C.C. White	1928-1932
Joe S. Price	1932-1936
Carl N. Craig	1936-1940
J.M. Causey	1940-1944
Bert J. Barnett	1944-1948
Carl N. Craig	1948-1952
William Donelson Neal	1952-1956
E. Boyd Golding	1956-1960
William Donelson Neal	1960-1964
William Hampton King	1964-1984
Ray Mabus	1984-1988
Pete Johnson	1988-1992
Steven A. Patterson	1992-1996
Phil Bryant	1996-2008
Stacey Pickering	2008-present

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 (1818-2012)

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 (1902-2012)

William Qualls Cole	1902-1908
Thomas Monroe Henry	1908-1928
Ben Shem Lowry	1928-1932
George D. Riley	1932-1936
J.S. Williams.	1936-1948
Jesse L. White	1948-1952
Walter Dell Davis.	1952-1972
Evelyn Gandy.	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
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 (1906-2012)

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:
 H.D. Owens, 1st Session, 2nd Gen. 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 (1833-2012)

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*
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**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
Glen S. Deweese	1988
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 to present

Speakers of the House of Representatives (1817-2012)

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. Degraffenreid	1832-1833
David Pembel	1833-1834
A.L. Bingaman	1834-1836
John Irvin	1836-1837
William Vannerson	1837-1838
J.W. King	1838-1840
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
W.M. Inge	1884-1886
J.H. Sharpe	1886-1888
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	Jan. 5, 1904-Jan. 7, 1908
Hugh M. Street	Jan. 7, 1908-Jan. 2, 1912
Hillrie M. Quin	Jan. 2, 1912-Jan. 4, 1916
Martin S. Connor	Jan. 4, 1916-Jan. 8, 1924
Thomas L. Bailey	Jan. 8, 1924-Jan. 7, 1936
Horace Stansel	Jan. 7, 1936-Apr. 4, 1936
Fielding Wright	Sept. 14, 1936-Jan. 2, 1940
Samuel Lumpkin	Jan. 2, 1940-Jan. 4, 1944
Walter Sillers	Jan. 4, 1944-Sept. 24, 1966
John R. Junkin	Nov. 9, 1966-Jan. 6, 1976
C.B. Newman	Jan. 6, 1976-Jan. 5, 1988
Tim Ford	Jan. 5, 1988-Jan. 5, 2004
William J. McCoy	Jan. 6, 2004
Philip Gunn	2012-present

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES (1817-2012)

Jan. 1875 - Mar. 1875	Jan. 3, 1950 - Apr.20, 1950	Apr. 17, 1989 - Apr. 19, 1989
July 1875 - July 1875	Jan. 8, 1952 - Apr 17, 1952	Jan. 2, 1990 - Apr.14, 1990
Jan. 1876 - Apr. 1876	Nov. 3, 1953 - Dec. 28, 1953	June 18, 1990 - June 30, 1990
Jan. 1877 - Feb. 1877	Jan. 5, 1954 - May 6, 1954	Jan. 8, 1991 - May 6, 1991
Jan. 1878 - Mar. 1878	Sept. 7, 1954 - Sept. 30, 1954	Dec. 18, 1991 - Dec. 20, 1991
Jan. 1880 - Mar. 1880	Jan. 11, 1955 - Apr. 7, 1955	Jan. 7, 1992 - May 12, 1992
Jan. 1882 - Mar. 1882	Jan. 3, 1956 - Apr. 6, 1956	Sept. 16, 1992 - Sept. 16, 1992
Jan. 1884 - Mar. 1884	Nov. 5, 1957 - Dec. 14, 1957	Jan. 5, 1993 - Apr. 4, 1993
Jan. 1886 - Mar. 1886	Jan. 7, 1958 - May 10, 1958	Jan. 4, 1994 - Apr. 3, 1994
Jan. 1888 - Mar. 1888	Dec. 2, 1959 - Dec. 24, 1959	Aug. 15, 1994 - Aug. 23, 1994
Jan. 1890 - Feb. 1890	Jan. 5, 1960 - May 11, 1960	Jan. 3, 1995 - Apr. 11, 1995
Jan. 1892 - Apr. 1892	Aug. 23, 1961 - Aug. 25, 1961	Jan. 2, 1996 - Apr. 19, 1996
Jan. 1894 - Feb. 1894	Oct. 17, 1961 - Oct. 21, 1961	July 11, 1996 - July 11, 1996
Jan. 1896 - Mar. 1896	Jan. 2, 1962 - June 2, 1962	Oct. 11, 1996 - Oct. 11, 1996
Apr. 1897 - May 1897	Sept. 18, 1962 - Oct. 6, 1962	Jan. 7, 1997 - Apr. 10, 1997
Jan. 1898 - Feb. 1898	Nov. 13, 1962 - Dec. 21, 1962	Apr. 23, 1997 - Apr. 23, 1997
Jan. 1900 - Mar. 1900	Feb. 25, 1963 - Mar. 2, 1963	Jan. 6, 1998 - Apr. 5, 1998
Jan. 1902 - Mar. 1902	Jan. 7, 1964 - June 12, 1964	Jan. 4, 1999 - Apr. 4, 1999
Jan. 1904 - Mar. 1904	June 23, 1964 - July 15, 1964	July 22, 1999 - July 22, 1999
Jan. 1906 - Apr. 1906	June 14, 1965 - July 10, 1965	Jan. 4, 2000 - May 7, 2000
Jan. 1908 - Mar. 1908	Jan. 4, 1966 - June 17, 1966	June 29, 2000 - June 29, 2000
Jan. 1910 - Apr. 1910	Nov. 9, 1966 - Jan. 6, 1967	Aug. 28, 2000 - Aug. 28, 2000
Nov. 1911 - Nov. 1911	June 20, 1967 - June 30, 1967	Aug. 30, 2000 - Aug. 30, 2000
Jan. 1912 - Mar. 1912	Jan. 2, 1968 - Aug. 9, 1968	Nov. 6, 2000 - Nov. 6, 2000
June 1913 - June 1913	July 22, 1969 - Oct. 11, 1969	Jan. 2, 2001 - Mar. 30, 2001
Jan. 1914 - Mar. 1914	Jan. 6, 1970 - Apr. 6, 1970	July 23, 2001 - July 23, 2001
Jan. 1916 - Apr. 1916	Jan. 5, 1971 - Apr. 5, 1971	Nov. 1, 2001 - Nov. 7, 2001
Sept. 1917 - Oct. 1917	Jan. 4, 1972 - May 9, 1972	Jan. 8, 2002 - Apr. 12, 2002
Jan. 1918 - Mar. 1918	Jan. 2, 1973 - Apr. 1973	June 21, 2002 - June 21, 2002
Jan. 1920 - Apr. 1920	Jan. 8, 1974 - Apr. 7, 1974	July 30, 2002 - July 30, 2002
Jan. 1922 - Apr. 1922	Jan. 7, 1975 - Apr. 6, 1975	Sept. 5, 2002 - Nov. 26, 2002
Jan. 1924 - Apr. 1924	Jan. 6, 1976 - May 9, 1976	Jan. 7, 2003 - Apr. 16, 2003
Jan. 1926 - Mar. 1926	June 18, 1976 - June 20, 1976	Jan. 6, 2004 - May 9, 2004
Jan. 1928 - Apr. 1928	Jan. 4, 1977 - Apr. 3, 1977	May 19, 2004 - June 30, 2004
Oct. 1928 - Dec. 1928	Aug. 12, 1977 - Aug. 13, 1977	Nov. 8, 2004 - Nov. 22, 2004
June 1929 - Sept. 1929	Jan. 3, 1978 - Apr. 7, 1978	Jan. 4, 2005 - April 6, 2005
Jan. 1930 - May 1930	Jan. 2, 1979 - Apr. 1, 1979	Mar. 12, 2005 - Mar. 13, 2005
Sept. 1931 - Oct. 1931	May 1, 1979 - May 3, 1979	May 18, 2005 - May 27, 2005
Jan. 1932 - May 1932	Jan. 8, 1980 - May 11, 1980	June 28, 2005 - July 2, 2005
Dec. 1932 - Dec. 1932	Jan. 6, 1981- Apr. 8, 1981	July 15, 2005 - July 15, 2005
Jan. 1934 - Apr. 1934	Aug. 25, 1981 - Aug. 27, 1981	Jan. 3, 2006 - April 25, 2006
Oct. 1935 - Dec. 1935	Jan. 5, 1982 - Apr. 10, 1982	Aug. 24, 2006 - Sept. 13, 2006
Jan. 1936 - Mar. 1936	Dec. 6, 1982 - Dec. 21, 1982	Oct. 5, 2006 - Oct. 5, 2006
Sept. 1936 - Sept. 1936	Jan. 4, 1983 - Apr. 21, 1983	Jan. 2, 2007 - April 25, 2007
Nov. 1936 - Dec. 1936	June 24, 1983 - June 24, 1983	April 27, 2007 - May 18, 2007
Jan. 1938 - Apr. 1938	Nov. 16, 1983 - Nov. 19, 1983	Jan. 8, 2008 - May 12, 2008
July 1938 - Aug. 1938	Jan. 3, 1984 - May 15, 1984	May 21, 2008 - Aug. 21, 2008
Jan. 1940 - May 1940	June 25, 1984 - June 27, 1984	Jan. 6, 2009 - June 3, 2009
Jan. 6, 1942 - Mar. 23, 1942	Jan. 8, 1985 - Apr. 11, 1985	May 7, 2009 - May 7, 2009
Jan. 4, 1944 - Mar. 31, 1944	Jan. 7, 1986 - Apr. 15, 1986	June 2, 2009 - June 30, 2009
Nov. 2, 1944 - Nov. 3, 1944	May 28, 1986 - June 1, 1986	July 10, 2009 - July 10, 2009
Jan. 8, 1946 - Apr.10, 1946	Jan. 6, 1987 - Apr. 5, 1987	Jan. 5, 2010 - April 28, 2010
Mar. 4, 1947 - Mar. 15, 1947	Aug. 27, 1987 - Aug. 29, 1987	Jan. 4, 2011 - April 7, 2011
Nov. 12, 1947 - Nov. 15, 1947	Jan. 5, 1988 - May 8, 1988	Jan. 3, 2012 - May 3, 2012
Jan. 6, 1948 - Apr. 14, 1948	Aug. 10, 1988 - Aug.16, 1988	Jan. 8, 2013 - April 4, 2013
Nov. 14, 1949 - Dec. 17, 1949	Jan. 3, 1989 - Apr 10, 1989	

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

YEAR	RESIDENT POPULATION	NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES
2010.....	2,967,297	4
2000.....	2,844,658	4
1990.....	2,573,216	5
1980.....	2,520,770	5
1970	2,216,994	5
1960.....	2,178,141	5
1950.....	2,178,914	6
1940	2,183,796	7
1930	2,009,821	7
1920.....	1,790,618	8
1910.....	1,797,114	8
1900.....	1,551,270	8
1890.....	1,289,600	7
1880.....	1,131,597	7
1870.....	827,922	6
1860.....	791,305	5
1850	606,526	5
1840.....	375,651	4
1830	136,621	2
1820	75,448	1
1810.....	31,306	1
1800.....	7,600	0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL POPULATIONS

CENSUS YEAR	POPULATION	% ±
1800.....	7,600	-
1810.....	31,306	311.9%
1820.....	75,448	141.0%
1830.....	136,621	81.1%
1840.....	375,651	175.0%
1850.....	606,526	61.5%
1860.....	791,305	30.5%
1870.....	827,922	4.6%
1880.....	1,131,597	36.7%
1890.....	1,289,600	14.0%
1900.....	1,551,270	20.3%
1910.....	1,797,114	15.8%
1920.....	1,790,618	-0.4%
1930.....	2,009,821	12.2%
1940.....	2,183,796	8.7%
1950.....	2,178,914	-0.2%
1960.....	2,178,141	0%
1970.....	2,216,912	1.8%
1980.....	2,520,638	13.7%
1990.....	2,573,216	2.1%
2000.....	2,844,658	10.5%
2010.....	2,967,297	4.3%

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)

SEASONAL AND ANNUAL TEMPS AND PRECIPITATION

TEMPERATURE

Division	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Annual
Upper Delta	43	62	80	63	62
North Central	42	61	78	62	61
Northeast	42	61	78	61	61
Lower Delta	46	64	81	65	64
Central	46	62	79	63	63
East Central	45	62	79	63	63
Southwest	49	65	80	66	65
South Central	49	65	80	66	65
Southeast	49	64	80	65	64
Coastal	52	66	81	68	67

PRECIPITATION

Division	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Annual
Upper Delta	15.1	16.7	11.6	11.8	55.1
North Central	15.4	16.8	12.4	12.4	57.0
Northeast	16.2	17.5	12.0	12.8	58.4
Lower Delta	16.3	17.4	11.4	12.1	57.2
Central	16.7	17.4	11.9	12.3	58.3
East Central	16.2	17.0	12.2	12.1	57.5
Southwest	17.6	18.0	13.2	12.6	61.4
South Central	17.5	18.0	14.4	12.6	62.5
Southeast	16.5	16.8	13.4	12.4	59.1
Coastal	16.9	17.4	17.5	13.9	65.7

Data based on the 1971-2010 normals.

MISSISSIPPI CLIMATE INFORMATION

MEAN TEMPERATURE (DEGREES F)

	January		July		Annual
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	
Biloxi	58	44	89	75	.67
Clarksdale	49	32	92	72	.63
Columbus	54	32	92	71	.63
Corinth	49	33	92	71	.62
Greenville	52	33	95	73	.64
Hernando	48	28	90	70	.60
Jackson	55	35	91	71	.64
Kosciusko	54	33	92	70	.63
Laurel	57	36	91	71	.65
Meridian	58	35	93	71	.65
Natchez	58	39	91	72	.66
Tupelo	50	31	91	70	.61
Tylertown	60	39	91	71	.66

Based on 1971-2010 normals

PRECIPITATION (INCHES)

	Mean	Mean	Mean
	Wettest Month	Driest Month	
Biloxi	7.4	3.3	64.84
Clarksdale	5.5	2.5	54.24
Columbus	6.2	3.2	55.91
Corinth	6.0	3.2	56.67
Greenville	5.8	2.2	54.20
Hernando	6.0	3.2	55.06
Jackson	6.0	3.2	55.95
Kosciusko	6.7	3.6	60.38
Laurel	6.3	3.3	58.60
Meridian	6.9	3.3	58.65
Natchez	6.7	3.7	62.09
Tupelo	6.3	2.7	55.86
Tylertown	6.8	3.9	65.74

Based on 1971-2010 normals

CENSUS 2010 MISSISSIPPI STATISTICS

Population, 2011 estimate	2,978,512
Population, 2010 estimates base	2,967,297
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011	0.4%
Population, 2010	2,967,297
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2011	7.0%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2011	25.2%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2011	13.0%
Female persons, percent, 2011	51.4%
White persons, percent, 2010	59.1%
Black persons, percent, 2010	37.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2010	0.5%
Asian persons, percent, 2010	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander persons, percent, 2010	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2010	1.1%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin, percent, 2010	2.7%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2010	97.3%
Living in same house 1 year & over, 2006-2010	84.3%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2006-2010	2.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2006-2010	3.8%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2006-2010	79.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2006-2010	19.5%
Veterans, 2006-2010	212,088
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2006-2010	23.9
Housing units, 2010	1,274,719
Homeownership rate, 2006-2010	70.8%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2006-2010	13.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2006-2010	\$96,500
Households, 2006-2010	1,081,052
Persons per household, 2006-2010	2.64
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2010 dollars) 2006-2010	\$19,977
Median household income 2006-2010	\$37,881
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2006-2010	21.2%
Private nonfarm establishments, 2009	59,6071
Private nonfarm employment, 2009	904,0371
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2009	-5.5%
Nonemployer establishments, 2009	185,000
Total number of firms, 2007	225,977
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	18.0%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	0.3%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	1.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms, percent, 2007	0.0%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	0.8%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	26.9%
Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	59,869,456

Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	23,003,585
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	33,751,407
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$11,552
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	7,045,097
Building permits, 2011	5,273
Federal spending, 2010	31,418,8591
Land area in square miles, 2010	46,923.27
Persons per square mile, 2010	63.2
Population Total Population	2,967,297

**Housing Status
(in housing units unless noted)**

Total	1,274,719
Occupied	1,115,768
Owner-occupied	777,073
Population in owner-occupied	2,017,902
Renter-occupied	338,695
Population in renter-occupied	857,431
Households with individuals under 18	399,211
Vacant	158,951
Vacant: for rent	44,735
Vacant: for sale	16,886

Population by Sex/Age

Male	1,441,240
Female	1,526,057
Under 18	755,555
18 & over	2,211,742
20 - 24	210,894
25 - 34	387,253
35 - 49	583,316
50 - 64	555,932
65 & over	380,407

Population by Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	81,481
Non Hispanic or Latino	2,885,816

Population by Race

White	1,754,684
African American	1,098,385
Asian	25,742
American Indian and Alaska Native	15,030
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	1,187
Other	38,162
Identified by two or more	34,107

SEX AND AGE

Total population	2,967,297	100.0
Under 5 years	210,956	7.1
5 to 9 years	205,672	6.9
10 to 14 years	208,248	7.0
15 to 19 years	224,619	7.6
20 to 24 years	210,894	7.1
25 to 29 years	199,082	6.7
30 to 34 years	188,171	6.3
35 to 39 years	187,368	6.3
40 to 44 years	187,579	6.3
45 to 49 years	208,369	7.0
50 to 54 years	208,607	7.0
55 to 59 years	186,569	6.3
60 to 64 years	160,756	5.4
65 to 69 years	120,523	4.1
70 to 74 years	93,946	3.2
75 to 79 years	69,876	2.4
80 to 84 years	51,703	1.7
85 years and over	44,359	1.5

Median age (years)

36.0

16 years and over	2,299,852	77.5
18 years and over	2,211,742	74.5
21 years and over	2,072,004	69.8
62 years and over	473,309	16.0
65 years and over	380,407	12.8

Male population	1,441,240	48.6
Under 5 years	107,465	3.6
5 to 9 years	105,042	3.5
10 to 14 years	106,606	3.6
15 to 19 years	114,145	3.8
20 to 24 years	105,433	3.6
25 to 29 years	98,610	3.3
30 to 34 years	92,461	3.1
35 to 39 years	91,364	3.1
40 to 44 years	91,664	3.1
45 to 49 years	101,271	3.4
50 to 54 years	100,994	3.4
55 to 59 years	89,321	3.0
60 to 64 years	77,111	2.6
65 to 69 years	56,200	1.9
70 to 74 years	42,228	1.4
75 to 79 years	28,913	1.0
80 to 84 years	19,366	0.7
85 years and over	13,046	0.4

Median age (years)

34.5

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

16 years and over	1,100,634	37.1
18 years and over	1,055,477	35.6
21 years and over	985,147	33.2
62 years and over	204,243	6.9
65 years and over	159,753	5.4

Female population	1,526,057	51.4
Under 5 years	103,491	3.5
5 to 9 years	100,630	3.4
10 to 14 years	101,642	3.4
15 to 19 years	110,474	3.7
20 to 24 years	105,461	3.6
25 to 29 years	100,472	3.4
30 to 34 years	95,710	3.2
35 to 39 years	96,004	3.2
40 to 44 years	95,915	3.2
45 to 49 years	107,098	3.6
50 to 54 years	107,613	3.6
55 to 59 years	97,248	3.3
60 to 64 years	83,645	2.8
65 to 69 years	64,323	2.2
70 to 74 years	51,718	1.7
75 to 79 years	40,963	1.4
80 to 84 years	32,337	1.1
85 years and over	31,313	1.1

Median age (years) 37.5 (X)

16 years and over	1,199,218	40.4
18 years and over	1,156,265	39.0
21 years and over	1,086,857	36.6
62 years and over	269,066	9.1
65 years and over	220,654	7.4

RACE

Total population	2,967,297	100.0
One Race	2,933,190	98.9
White	1,754,684	59.1
Black or African American	1,098,385	37.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	15,030	0.5
Asian	25,742	0.9
Asian Indian	5,494	0.2
Chinese	4,474	0.2
Filipino	3,562	0.1
Japanese	807	0.0
Korean	1,537	0.1
Vietnamese	7,025	0.2
Other Asian	2,843	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,187	0.0
Native Hawaiian	252	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	560	0.0

Samoan	135	0.0
Other Pacific Islander [2]	240	0.0
Some Other Race	38,162	1.3
Two or More Races	34,107	1.1
White; American Indian and Alaska Native [3].	6,714	0.2
White; Asian [3]	4,205	0.1
White; Black or African American [3]	11,088	0.4
White; Some Other Race [3]	3,715	0.1

Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:

White	1,782,807	60.1
Black or African American	1,115,801	37.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	25,910	0.9
Asian	32,560	1.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,776	0.1
Some Other Race	44,114	1.5

HISPANIC OR LATINO

Total population	2,967,297	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	81,481	2.7
Mexican	52,459	1.8
Puerto Rican	5,888	0.2
Cuban	2,063	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino [5].	21,071	0.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	2,885,816	97.3

HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE

Total population	2,967,297	100.0
Hispanic or Latino	81,481	2.7
White alone	32,397	1.1
Black or African American alone	4,873	0.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,185	0.0
Asian alone	265	0.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	239	0.0
Some Other Race alone	36,334	1.2
Two or More Races	6,188	0.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	2,885,816	97.3
White alone	1,722,287	58.0
Black or African American alone	1,093,512	36.9
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	13,845	0.5
Asian alone	25,477	0.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	948	0.0
Some Other Race alone	1,828	0.1
Two or More Races	27,919	0.9

RELATIONSHIP

Total population	2,967,297	100.0
In households	2,875,333	96.9
Householder	1,115,768	37.6
Spouse [6]	506,633	17.1
Child	880,481	29.7

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Own child under 18 years	620,956	20.9
Other relatives	238,272	8.0
Under 18 years	119,879	4.0
65 years and over	21,751	0.7
Nonrelatives	134,179	4.5
Under 18 years	10,837	0.4
65 years and over	5,334	0.2

Unmarried partner	63,270	2.1
In group quarters	91,964	3.1
Institutionalized population	55,135	1.9
Male	40,253	1.4
Female	14,882	0.5
Noninstitutionalized population	36,829	1.2
Male	18,760	0.6
Female	18,069	0.6

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households	1,115,768	100.0
Family households (families) [7]	770,266	69.0
With own children under 18 years	336,280	30.1

Husband-wife family	506,633	45.4
With own children under 18 years	198,257	17.8
Male householder, no wife present	57,661	5.2
With own children under 18 years	26,355	2.4
Female householder, no husband present	205,972	18.5
With own children under 18 years	111,668	10.0
Nonfamily households [7]	345,502	31.0
Householder living alone	293,807	26.3
Male	133,519	12.0
65 years and over	30,324	2.7
Female	160,288	14.4
65 years and over	75,845	6.8

Households with individuals under 18 years	399,211	35.8
Households with individuals 65 years and over	279,605	25.1

Average household size	2.58	(X)
Average family size [7]	3.11	(X)

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units	1,274,719	100.0
Occupied housing units	1,115,768	87.5
Vacant housing units	158,951	12.5
For rent	44,735	3.5
Rented, not occupied	1,920	0.2
For sale only	16,886	1.3
Sold, not occupied	4,915	0.4
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	28,867	2.3
All other vacants	61,628	4.8

Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) [8]	2.1	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent) [9]	11.6	(X)

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	1,115,768	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	777,073	69.6
Population in owner-occupied housing units	2,017,902	(X)
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.60	(X)
Renter-occupied housing units	338,695	30.4
Population in renter-occupied housing units	857,431	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.53	(X)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Population 16 years and over	2,274,381			
In labor force	1,358,952			
Civilian labor force	1,345,154			
Employed	1,216,050			
Unemployed	129,104			
Armed Forces	13,798			
Not in labor force	915,429			
Civilian labor force	1,345,154			
Percent Unemployed	9.6%			
Females 16 years and over	1,188,278			
In labor force	653,615			
Civilian labor force	650,603			
Employed	587,978			
Own children under 6 years	234,448			
All parents in family in labor force	155,746	+/-2,414	66.4%	+/-0.9
Own children 6 to 17 years	461,949	+/-2,183	461,949	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	328,518	+/-3,387	71.1%	+/-0.8

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	1,197,141	+/-4,677	1,197,141	(X)
Car, truck, or van – drove alone	989,725	+/-5,152	82.7%	+/-0.3
Car, truck, or van – carpooled	136,729	+/-3,134	11.4%	+/-0.3
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	4,913	+/-556	0.4%	+/-0.1
Walked	20,987	+/-1,371	1.8%	+/-0.1
Other means	16,501	+/-1,192	1.4%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	28,286	+/-1,682	2.4%	+/-0.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.9	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)

OCCUPATION

Civilian employed population				
16 years and over	1,216,050	+/-4,564	1,216,050	(X)
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	361,465	+/-4,100	29.7%	+/-0.3
Service occupations	210,415	+/-3,944	17.3%	+/-0.3

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Sales and office occupations	296,064	+/-4,014	24.3%	+/-0.3
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations.	146,996	+/-3,098	12.1%	+/-0.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	201,110	+/-3,271	16.5%	+/-0.3

INDUSTRY

Civilian employed population

16 years and over	1,216,050	+/-4,564	1,216,050	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining.	34,822	+/-1,381	2.9%	+/-0.1
Construction	94,487	+/-2,292	7.8%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	163,836	+/-3,036	13.5%	+/-0.2
Wholesale trade	35,633	+/-1,363	2.9%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	143,605	+/-2,649	11.8%	+/-0.2
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities.	69,995	+/-2,153	5.8%	+/-0.2
Information	18,423	+/-938	1.5%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	60,029	+/-1,856	4.9%	+/-0.1
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services.	77,092	+/-2,017	6.3%	+/-0.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	281,178	+/-3,242	23.1%	+/-0.2
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	110,674	+/-2,579	9.1%	+/-0.2
Other services, except public administration	60,669	+/-2,048	5.0%	+/-0.2
Public administration	65,607	+/-2,063	5.4%	+/-0.2

CLASS OF WORKER

Civilian employed population

16 years and over	1,216,050	+/-4,564	1,216,050	(X)
Private wage and salary workers.	906,153	+/-5,171	74.5%	+/-0.3
Government workers	229,171	+/-3,671	18.8%	+/-0.3
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.	78,254	+/-2,189	6.4%	+/-0.2
Unpaid family workers	2,472	+/-389	0.2%	+/-0.1

INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2010 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)

Total households.	1,081,052	+/-3,748	1,081,052	(X)
Less than \$10,000.	125,777	+/-2,629	11.6%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999.	91,335	+/-2,227	8.4%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999.	157,733	+/-2,661	14.6%	+/-0.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999.	130,682	+/-2,343	12.1%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999.	156,638	+/-2,610	14.5%	+/-0.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999.	183,156	+/-2,889	16.9%	+/-0.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999.	106,319	+/-2,267	9.8%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	86,153	+/-1,956	8.0%	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	23,375	+/-943	2.2%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	19,884	+/-841	1.8%	+/-0.1
Median household income (dollars)	37,881	+/-333	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars).	52,484	+/-382	(X)	(X)

With earnings	817,289	+/-4,284	75.6%	+/-0.3
Mean earnings (dollars)	54,916	+/-471	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	342,685	+/-2,756	31.7%	+/-0.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,050	+/-86	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	180,027	+/-2,469	16.7%	+/-0.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	18,116	+/-371	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	72,475	+/-1,708	6.7%	+/-0.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,440	+/-114	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	23,964	+/-1,048	2.2%	+/-0.1
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,519	+/-180	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	159,806	+/-2,552	14.8%	+/-0.2
Families	749,274	+/-4,036	749,274	(X)
Less than \$10,000	55,780	+/-1,925	7.4%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	43,512	+/-1,726	5.8%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	96,591	+/-1,905	12.9%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	86,513	+/-1,992	11.5%	+/-0.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	112,811	+/-2,142	15.1%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	145,909	+/-2,592	19.5%	+/-0.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	92,116	+/-2,012	12.3%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	77,160	+/-1,860	10.3%	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,212	+/-915	2.8%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	17,670	+/-740	2.4%	+/-0.1
Median family income (dollars)	47,031	+/-439	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	61,026	+/-455	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,977	+/-151	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	331,778	+/-3,041	331,778	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	20,841	+/-323	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	31,070	+/-487	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	24,372	+/-244	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	38,545	+/-405	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	28,267	+/-344	(X)	(X)

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households	1,081,052	+/-3,748	1,081,052	(X)
Family households (families)	749,274	+/-4,036	69.3%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	334,080	+/-3,682	30.9%	+/-0.3
Married-couple family	506,210	+/-4,362	46.8%	+/-0.3
With own children under 18 years	200,359	+/-3,397	18.5%	+/-0.3
Male householder, no wife present, family	51,624	+/-1,759	4.8%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	24,358	+/-1,206	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	191,440	+/-2,614	17.7%	+/-0.2
With own children under 18 years	109,363	+/-2,444	10.1%	+/-0.2
Nonfamily households	331,778	+/-3,041	30.7%	+/-0.3

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Householder living alone	289,199	+/-2,899	26.8%	+/-0.2
65 years and over	105,190	+/-1,967	9.7%	+/-0.2
Households with one or more people				
under 18 years	392,041	+/-3,626	36.3%	+/-0.3
Households with one or more people				
65 years and over	265,703	+/-1,688	24.6%	+/-0.1
Average household size	2.64	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.20	+/-0.01	(X)	(X)

RELATIONSHIP

Population in households	2,848,779	*****	2,848,779	(X)
Householder	1,081,052	+/-3,748	37.9%	+/-0.1
Spouse	506,136	+/-4,389	17.8%	+/-0.2
Child	903,231	+/-5,184	31.7%	+/-0.2
Other relatives	239,451	+/-4,709	8.4%	+/-0.2
Nonrelatives	118,909	+/-3,572	4.2%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	47,783	+/-1,648	1.7%	+/-0.1

MARITAL STATUS

Males 15 years and over				
Never married	378,496	+/-3,737	34.2%	+/-0.3
Now married, except separated	549,637	+/-4,981	49.6%	+/-0.5
Separated	28,173	+/-1,550	2.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	32,071	+/-1,172	2.9%	+/-0.1
Divorced	119,855	+/-2,599	10.8%	+/-0.2
Females 15 years and over				
Never married	351,211	+/-2,989	29.0%	+/-0.2
Now married, except separated	534,014	+/-4,301	44.1%	+/-0.4
Separated	42,629	+/-1,656	3.5%	+/-0.1
Widowed	138,192	+/-2,294	11.4%	+/-0.2
Divorced	143,600	+/-2,652	11.9%	+/-0.2

FERTILITY

Number of women 15 to 50 years old who				
had a birth in the past 12 months	45,879	+/-1,554	45,879	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced,				
and never married)	22,514	+/-1,101	49.1%	+/-1.5
Per 1,000 unmarried women	55	+/-3	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	62	+/-2	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	45	+/-4	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	117	+/-5	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	18	+/-2	(X)	(X)

GRANDPARENTS

Number of grandparents living with own				
grandchildren under 18 years	88,497	+/-2,317	88,497	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	51,531	+/-1,964	58.2%	+/-1.5
Years responsible for grandchildren				

Less than 1 year	11,199	+/-1,066	12.7%	+/-1.1
1 or 2 years	12,712	+/-896	14.4%	+/-1.0
3 or 4 years	8,027	+/-710	9.1%	+/-0.8
5 or more years	19,593	+/-1,183	22.1%	+/-1.2

Number of grandparents responsible for

own grandchildren under 18 years	51,531	+/-1,964	51,531	(X)
Who are female	34,159	+/-1,292	66.3%	+/-1.0
Who are married	35,038	+/-1,714	68.0%	+/-1.6

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	800,133	+/-3,761	800,133	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	51,318	+/-1,605	6.4%	+/-0.2
Kindergarten	46,692	+/-1,418	5.8%	+/-0.2
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	334,556	+/-2,201	41.8%	+/-0.3
High school (grades 9-12)	171,522	+/-1,800	21.4%	+/-0.2
College or graduate school	196,045	+/-3,335	24.5%	+/-0.3

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over	1,876,719	+/-1,319	1,876,719	(X)
Less than 9th grade	134,453	+/-2,591	7.2%	+/-0.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	247,938	+/-3,767	13.2%	+/-0.2
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	579,428	+/-5,329	30.9%	+/-0.3
Some college, no degree	406,837	+/-3,833	21.7%	+/-0.2
Associate's degree	142,904	+/-2,698	7.6%	+/-0.1
Bachelor's degree	236,987	+/-3,453	12.6%	+/-0.2
Graduate or professional degree	128,172	+/-2,483	6.8%	+/-0.1

Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	79.6%	+/-0.3
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	19.5%	+/-0.2

VETERAN STATUS

Civilian population 18 years and over	2,170,828	+/-1,031	2,170,828	(X)
Civilian veterans	212,088	+/-2,580	9.8%	+/-0.1

RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO

Population 1 year and over	2,901,139	+/-1,458	2,901,139	(X)
Same house	2,447,019	+/-8,558	84.3%	+/-0.3
Different house in the U.S.	446,117	+/-8,367	15.4%	+/-0.3
Same county	255,135	+/-6,314	8.8%	+/-0.2
Different county	190,982	+/-5,146	6.6%	+/-0.2
Same state	113,756	+/-3,549	3.9%	+/-0.1
Different state	77,226	+/-3,509	2.7%	+/-0.1
Abroad	8,003	+/-909	0.3%	+/-0.1

PLACE OF BIRTH

Total population	2,941,991	*****	2,941,991	(X)
Native	2,878,473	+/-1,858	97.8%	+/-0.1
Born in United States	2,863,856	+/-1,955	97.3%	+/-0.1
State of residence	2,105,507	+/-6,620	71.6%	+/-0.2
Different state	758,349	+/-6,475	25.8%	+/-0.2

Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	14,617	+/-916	0.5%	+/-0.1
Foreign born	63,518	+/-1,858	2.2%	+/-0.1

U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Foreign-born population	63,518	+/-1,858	63,518	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	20,476	+/-1,009	32.2%	+/-1.8
Not a U.S. citizen	43,042	+/-2,001	67.8%	+/-1.8

YEAR OF ENTRY

Population born outside the United States	78,135	+/-1,955	78,135	(X)
Native	14,617	+/-916	14,617	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	2,573	+/-446	17.6%	+/-2.9
Entered before 2000	12,044	+/-891	82.4%	+/-2.9
Foreign born	63,518	+/-1,858	63,518	(X)
Entered 2000 or later	30,582	+/-1,785	48.1%	+/-2.0
Entered before 2000	32,936	+/-1,349	51.9%	+/-2.0

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN

Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	63,518	+/-1,858	63,518	(X)
Europe	7,047	+/-719	11.1%	+/-1.1
Asia	19,708	+/-1,017	31.0%	+/-1.3
Africa	1,963	+/-474	3.1%	+/-0.7
Oceania	223	+/-103	0.4%	+/-0.2
Latin America	33,242	+/-1,252	52.3%	+/-1.3
Northern America	1,335	+/-269	2.1%	+/-0.4

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Population 5 years and over	2,733,500	+/-513	2,733,500	(X)
English only	2,629,581	+/-2,141	96.2%	+/-0.1
Language other than English	103,919	+/-2,151	3.8%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	44,522	+/-1,742	1.6%	+/-0.1
Spanish	62,571	+/-1,692	2.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	30,709	+/-1,413	1.1%	+/-0.1
Other Indo-European languages	16,632	+/-1,194	0.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	3,884	+/-552	0.1%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	15,464	+/-1,034	0.6%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	7,219	+/-734	0.3%	+/-0.1
Other languages	9,252	+/-865	0.3%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	2,710	+/-590	0.1%	+/-0.1

ANCESTRY

Total population	2,941,991	*****	2,941,991	(X)
American	349,153	+/-5,846	11.9%	+/-0.2
Arab	6,680	+/-1,022	0.2%	+/-0.1
Czech	1,975	+/-319	0.1%	+/-0.1
Danish	2,760	+/-568	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	23,177	+/-1,434	0.8%	+/-0.1

English	251,323	+/-3,957	.8.5%	+/-0.1
French (except Basque)	85,806	+/-3,178	.2.9%	+/-0.1
French Canadian	6,902	+/-873	.0.2%	+/-0.1
German	179,305	+/-3,681	.6.1%	+/-0.1
Greek	3,217	+/-578	.0.1%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	2,297	+/-558	.0.1%	+/-0.1
Irish	285,021	+/-5,241	.9.7%	+/-0.2
Italian	52,794	+/-2,110	.1.8%	+/-0.1
Lithuanian	769	+/-210	.0.0%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	6,939	+/-687	.0.2%	+/-0.1
Polish	15,189	+/-1,496	.0.5%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	1,505	+/-332	.0.1%	+/-0.1
Russian	3,469	+/-578	.0.1%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	66,784	+/-2,558	.2.3%	+/-0.1
Scottish	47,248	+/-1,718	.1.6%	+/-0.1
Slovak	796	+/-329	.0.0%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	24,648	+/-2,049	.0.8%	+/-0.1
Swedish	8,572	+/-826	.0.3%	+/-0.1
Swiss	2,359	+/-456	.0.1%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	709	+/-231	.0.0%	+/-0.1
Welsh	9,225	+/-1,228	.0.3%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	2,403	+/-577	.0.1%	+/-0

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.