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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. Biedenhart 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.

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 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 (1870-2017)

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
 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 (1817-2017)

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

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 (1817-2017)

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. 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 (1817-2017)

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

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 (1818-2017)

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 Gandy.....	1972-1976
George Dale.....	1976-2008
Mike Chaney.....	2008-present

TERRITORIAL REGISTERS OF THE LAND OFFICE (1803-1817)

Edward Turner, <i>west of Pearl River</i>	1803
Joseph Chambers, <i>east of Pearl River</i>	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 (1906-2017)

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:
 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 (1833-2017)

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
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
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
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.....	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
C.B. Newman.....	1976-1988
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. 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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES

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

Jan. 4, 2005—Apr. 6, 2005	May 21, 2008—Aug. 21, 2008	Jan. 7, 2014—April 6, 2014
Mar. 12, 2005—Mar. 13, 2005	Jan. 6, 2009—June 3, 2009	April 2, 2014—Apr. 2, 2014
May 18, 2005—May 27, 2005	May 7, 2009—May 7, 2009	May 8, 2014—May 8, 2014
June 28, 2005—July 2, 2005	June 2, 2009—June 30, 2009	Jan. 6, 2015—Apr. 5, 2015
July 15, 2005—July 15, 2005	July 10, 2009—July 10, 2009	Jan. 5, 2016—Apr. 24, 2016
Jan. 3, 2006—Apr. 25, 2006	Jan. 5, 2010—Apr. 28, 2010	Feb. 4, 2016—Feb. 4, 2016
Aug. 24, 2006—Sept. 13, 2006	Jan. 4, 2011—Apr. 7, 2011	June 28, 2016—June 29, 2016
Oct. 5, 2006—Oct. 5, 2006	Jan. 3, 2012—May 3, 2012	Jan. 3, 2017—Apr. 2, 2017
Jan. 2, 2007—Apr. 25, 2007	Jan. 8, 2013—Apr. 4, 2013	
April 27, 2007—May 18, 2007	April 26, 2013—Apr. 26, 2013	
Jan. 8, 2008—May 12, 2008	June 27, 2013—June 28, 2013	

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

YEAR	RESIDENT NUMBER OF POPULATION	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 POPULATION

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	1 st Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday
Robert E. Lee's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday

FEBRUARY

George Washington's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday
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APRIL

Confederate Memorial Day	Last Monday
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MAY

National Memorial Day	Last Monday
Jefferson Davis' Birthday.....	Last Monday

JULY

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

Labor Day	1 st Monday
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NOVEMBER

Armistice Day (Veteran's Day).....	11 th 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.....	25 th Day
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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

MEAN TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)

	JANUARY		JULY		ANNUAL AVG. TEMP
	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	
Biloxi	59.8	42.9	90.1	75.2	68.4
Clarksdale	49.4	31.4	90.6	71.5	62.1
Columbus.....	54.4	33.2	93.0	70.4	63.6
Corinth.....	48.8	28.5	90.3	68.2	59.7
Greenville	52.4	33.6	91.6	72.6	63.5
Hernando	52.6	29.4	94.3	70.6	63.0
Jackson	56.1	35.3	91.6	71.6	64.6
Kosciusko.....	52.6	31.4	89.6	69.7	61.7
Laurel	58.0	34.9	91.6	70.7	64.9
Meridian	56.3	34.3	92.1	70.4	64.1
Natchez	59.0	36.8	90.8	70.7	65.2
Tupelo.....	51.7	31.7	91.7	71.2	62.5
Tylertown.....	60.5	36.1	92.0	70.4	65.9

Based on 1981-2010 normals

PRECIPITATION (INCHES)

	MEAN	MEAN	ANNUAL
	WETTEST MONTH	DRIEST MONTH	
Biloxi	7.13	3.82	64.83
Clarksdale	5.68	2.70	53.48
Columbus.....	5.52	3.65	55.59
Corinth.....	5.94	3.27	56.69
Greenville	5.45	2.30	52.41
Hernando	6.06	2.69	54.49
Jackson	5.15	3.03	54.14
Kosciusko.....	5.94	3.79	59.93
Laurel	5.69	3.55	56.62
Meridian	6.07	3.28	57.17
Natchez	6.04	4.03	61.04
Tupelo.....	6.28	3.44	55.01
Tylertown.....	6.04	4.14	63.80

Based on 1981-2010 normals

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

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
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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

Total population.....	2,984,345%
Under 5 years.....	201,453	..... 6.8
5 to 9 years.....	205,557	..... 6.9
10 to 14 years.....	211,438	..... 7.1
15 to 19 years.....	214,272	..... 7.2
20 to 24 years.....	222,034	..... 7.4
25 to 34 years.....	387,219	..... 13.0
35 to 44 years.....	373,041	..... 12.5
45 to 54 years.....	402,804	..... 13.5
55 to 59 years.....	193,994	..... 6.5
60 to 64 years.....	169,365	..... 5.7
65 to 74 years.....	231,320	..... 7.8
75 to 84 years.....	125,703	..... 4.2
85 years and over.....	46,145	..... 1.5
Median age (years)	36.3	
18 years and over.....	2,241,046	..... 75.1
21 years and over.....	2,101,552	..... 70.4
62 years and over.....	502,245	..... 16.8
65 years and over.....	403,168	..... 13.5

RACE

Total population.....	2,984,345	
One Race.....	2,949,919	..... 98.8
White.....	1,769,693	..... 59.3
Black or African American.....	1,113,652	..... 37.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	13,056	..... 0.4
Cherokee tribal grouping.....	764	..... 0.0
Chippewa tribal grouping.....	43	..... 0.0
Navajo tribal grouping.....	111	..... 0.0
Sioux tribal grouping.....	4	..... 0.0
Asian.....	28,067	..... 0.9
Asian Indian.....	5,391	..... 0.2
Chinese.....	5,443	..... 0.2
Filipino.....	3,863	..... 0.1
Japanese.....	1,037	..... 0.0
Korean.....	2,238	..... 0.1
Vietnamese.....	7,408	..... 0.2
Other Asian.....	2,687	..... 0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	365	..... 0.0
Native Hawaiian.....	181	..... 0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	62	..... 0.0
Samoa.....	44	..... 0.0

Other Pacific Islander	78	0.0
Some Other Race.....	25,086	0.8
Two or more races.....	34,426	1.2
White and Black or African American	13,476	0.5
White and American Indian and Alaska Native	8,130	0.3
White and Asian	3,905	0.1
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native.....	1,715	0.1
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:		
White	1,799,722	60.3
Black or African American.....	1,132,483	37.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	24,473	0.8
Asian.....	34,251	1.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1,607	0.1
Some other race.....	28,783	1.0

HISPANIC OR LATINO

Total population.....	2,984,345	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	84,073	2.8
Mexican.....	54,855	1.8
Puerto Rican	8,022	0.3
Cuban	1,961	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	19,235	0.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	2,900,272	97.2

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households.....	1,092,627	
Family households (families)	750,575	68.7
With own children under 18 years	321,004	29.4
Married couple family.....	494,071	45.2
-With own children under 18 years.....	185,753	17.0
Male householder, no spouse present.....	54,591	5.0
-With own children under 18 years.....	24,943	2.3
Female householder, no spouse present	201,913	18.5
-With own children under 18 years.....	110,308	10.1
Nonfamily households.....	342,052	31.3
Householder living alone.....	298,413	27.3
-65 years and over	110,683	10.1
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	

RELATIONSHIP

Population in households	2,889,499	
Householder.....	1,092,627	37.8
Spouse	493,997	17.1
Child	921,370	31.9
Other relatives.....	255,212	8.8
Nonrelatives.....	126,293	4.4
-Unmarried partner	50,770	1.8

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 leasing	58,015	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

Mean Social Security income (dollars).....	16,065	
With retirement income	193,445	17.7
Mean retirement income (dollars)	19,869	
With Supplemental Security Income.....	89,279	8.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,715	
With cash public assistance income	30,828	2.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,840	
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months.....	196,525	18.0
Families	750,575	
Less than \$10,000.....	57,674	7.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	36,980	4.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	89,583	11.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	85,744	11.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	110,838	14.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	146,008	19.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	93,880	12.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	83,736	11.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	24,648	3.3
\$200,000 or more	21,484	2.9
Median family income (dollars).....	49,125	
Mean family income (dollars)	64,194	
Per capita income (dollars)	20,959	
Nonfamily households.....	342,052	
Median nonfamily income (dollars).....	21,748	
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	32,232	
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	26,188	
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars) ...	41,093	
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars).	31,055	

MARITAL STATUS

Males 15 years and over	1,133,229	
Never married	402,804	35.5
Now married, except separated	542,593	47.9
Separated.....	30,212	2.7
Widowed	32,947	2.9
Divorced.....	124,673	11.0
Females 15 years and over.....	1,232,668	
Never married	374,872	30.4
Now married, except separated	525,992	42.7
Separated.....	43,630	3.5
Widowed	133,908	10.9
Divorced.....	154,266	12.5

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 women46
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 440,011 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

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

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

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

Population born outside the United States.....	83,666	
Native	16,695	
Entered 2010 or later	1,212	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

Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea.....	66,971	
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

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

Total population.....	2,984,345	
American.....	351,566	11.8
Arab	5,805	0.2
Czech	1,958	0.1
Danish	2,495	0.1
Dutch.....	18,389	0.6
English.....	226,278	7.6
French (except Basque).....	73,018	2.4
French Canadian	7,147	0.2
German	165,484	5.5
Greek	3,062	0.1
Hungarian	2,181	0.1
Irish.....	251,855	8.4
Italian.....	55,954	1.9
Lithuanian.....	.666	0.0
Norwegian	6,098	0.2
Polish	13,000	0.4
Portuguese	1,654	0.1
Russian	3,987	0.1
Scotch-Irish.....	47,006	1.6
Scottish.....	43,684	1.5
Slovak .....	.764	0.0
Subsaharan African	18,434	0.6
Swedish	8,178	0.3
Swiss	2,107	0.1
Ukrainian.....	.916	0.0
Welsh.....	8,314	0.3
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups).....	3,042	0.1

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.

