

# HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION



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## MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL 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 2 million acres in the 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.
- 1817:** On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mississippi becomes the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 the Choctaws ceding more than 5 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 becomes 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 to become known as the Sandbar Fight.
- 1830:** Greenwood Leflore, who signed the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, becomes chief of the Choctaw Nation. He becomes a successful planter and state senator.
- 1831:** First railroad is chartered by the Mississippi Legislature. The West Feliciana Railroad runs 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 removes the restriction limiting suffrage to property owners, providing all public officials, including judges to be popularly elected and removing property qualifications and abolishing 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 is completed, providing a major economic boost to growth in the capital city; 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 purchases 2,000 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 20<sup>th</sup> century. Mississippi refuses to ratify the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery, and the Freedmen's Bureau is created to provide assistance and aid for the transition from a life of slavery.
- 1866:** Congress refuses to seat Mississippi's delegation because of the state's adoption of the Black Code. It is repealed. Women of Columbus decorate both Union and Confederate soldiers' graves, a gesture said to have evolved into Memorial Day to recognize fallen soldiers.

- 1868:** Mississippi's first bi-racial constitution convention – the "Black and Tan" Convention – drafts 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 spurs the Counter-revolution 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 marks 1,149 deaths.
- 1886:** Mississippi State Legislature passes the "Local Option Law" allowing counties to decide by election if they want 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. Biedenharn 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 becomes third in the U.S. in lumber production. New towns grow 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 enacts child labor reforms that establish the 10-hour work day, 58-hour work week and prohibit children under 12 from working in factories. Mississippi becomes the third largest shrimp producer in the U.S. Also, Stein Mart opens 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 Hwy. 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 operates the first passenger flights from Dallas to Jackson.
- 1930:** William Faulkner buys Rowan Oak in Oxford and publishes *As I Lay Dying*.
- 1930:** Legislature passes the Stansel Act, which calls 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 reduces the number of highway 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.

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- 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 becomes 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 planted and chopped the cotton, then eight International Harvesters harvested it.
- 1945:** Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council is organized and adopts constitution and by-laws, which are 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 which opposed 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 remain 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 are arrested and held at the Mississippi Fairgrounds after the 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 becomes first woman appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court.
- 1982:** Governor William Winter calls special legislative session for adoption of Education Reform Act.

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- 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 plans to build a 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 are estimated at \$75 billion.
- 2009:** Former Governor Ray Mabus is appointed Secretary of the Navy. He had served as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1994 to 1996.
- 2011:** Toyota plant opens in Blue Springs near Tupelo.
- 2014:** First election is held in Mississippi requiring voters to present an acceptable photo identification card at the polls in order to vote is held.
- 2017:** The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum open in celebration of the state's bicentennial.
- 2019:** Senator Thad Cochran dies in May of 2019. Cochran served seven terms in the U.S. Senate and was the 10<sup>th</sup> longest-serving senator in history. Cochran used his influence atop the Appropriations Committee to steer billions to Mississippi, especially after it was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was the first Republican in more than 100 years to win a statewide election in Mississippi.
- 2020:** The Mississippi state flag is voted to be removed with House Bill 1796 on June 28. It is then re-signed on June 30. A ceremony is held on July 1 to officially take it down. The new flag is voted on in the general election on Nov. 3.
- 2021:** The new Mississippi state flag is approved by the Legislature on Jan. 6 and re-signed on Jan. 11.

# 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
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

## GOVERNORS (1817-2021)

David Holmes .....	1817-1820
George Poindexter .....	1820-1822
Walter Leake .....	1822-1825
Gerard Chittocque Brandon ...	1825-1826
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 .....	2012-2020
Tate Reeves.....	2020-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
<i>The Constitution of 1869 re-established the office of Lieutenant Governor. This office also re-assumed the duties of President of the Senate.</i>	

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (1870-2021)**

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.....	2012-2020
Delbert Hosemann .....	2020-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 (1817-2021)**

Daniel Williams .....	1817-1821
John A. Grimall .....	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 .....	2008-2020
Michael Watson.....	2020-present

## TERRITORIAL TREASURERS GENERAL (1802-1817)

Abner Green  
Samuel Brooks

## STATE TREASURERS (1817-2021)

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 Perrott 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 Prospero .....	2003-2004
Tate Reeves.....	2004-2012
Lynn Fitch.....	2012-2020
David McRae .....	2020-present

## TERRITORIAL AUDITORS (1798-1817)

Charles B. Howell  
Beverly R. Grayson  
Park Walton

## STATE AUDITORS (1817-2021)

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

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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 .....	2008-2018
Shad White .....	2018-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 (1818-2021)

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 .....	2004-2020
Lynn Fitch.....	2020-present

### COMMISSIONERS OF INSURANCE (1902-2021)

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, <i>west of Pearl River</i> ..	1804
Thomas Fitzpatrick, <i>west of Pearl River</i> ..	1804
Thomas H. Williams, <i>west of Pearl River</i>	1805
Nicholas Perkins, <i>east of Pearl River</i> ....	1806
Nicholas Gray, <i>west of Pearl River</i> .....	1815
Alexander Pope, <i>Mississippi</i> .....	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 (1906-2021)**

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 .....	2012-2020
Andy Gipson .....	2020-present

**HISTORICAL ROSTER OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS****PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE (1817-1832)**

<i>Presidents Pro Tempore of the Mississippi Senate under provisions of the 1817 Constitution: H.D. Owens, 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. Assembly, 1819 Joseph Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Session Thomas Torrance, 5<sup>th</sup> Session, Adjourned, 1822 Thomas Torrance, 6<sup>th</sup> Session, 1822-1823 Bartley C. Barry, 8<sup>th</sup> Session, 1825 Thomas Freeland, 9<sup>th</sup> Session, 1826 William Dowsing, 11<sup>th</sup> Session, 1828 Parmenias Briscoe, 15<sup>th</sup> 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."</i>	
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**PRESIDENTS PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE (1833-2020)**

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*
<i>*elected presiding officer Pro Tempore to serve in absence of President Pro Tempore</i>	
F.H. Little .....	1874
John M. Stone .....	1875*
<i>*elected President Pro Tempore of Senate June 3, 1875; installed as Governor on March 29, 1876</i>	
William H. Sims .....	1876*
<i>*elected President Pro Tempore, March 29, 1876</i>	
Reuben O. Reynolds .....	1878
Reuben O. Reynolds .....	1882
Reuben O. Reynolds .....	1884
Reuben 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

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Earl Evans, Jr.	1956	J.L. Totten	1844-1846
George Yarbrough	1960	James Whitfield	1846-1848
George Yarbrough	1964	John J. McRae	1848-1852
Merle F. Palmer	1968	William S. Patton	1852-1854
Marion Smith	1971	Hiram Cassedy	1854-1856
B.G. Perry	1972	William S. Barry	1856-1858
William B. Alexander	1976	James L. Autry	1858-1859
William B. Alexander	1980	J.A.P. Campbell	1859-1861
Thomas N. Brooks	1984	William A. Lake	1861-1862
Glen S. Deweese	1986	J.P. Scales	1862-1863
Glen S. Deweese	1988	Lock E. Houston	1863-1865
Ollie Mohammed	1992	S.J. Gholson	1865-1870
Walter (Pud) Graham	1994	F.E. Franklin	1870-1871
Thomas A. Gollott	1996	H.W. Warren	1871-1872
Travis L. Little	2000	John R. Lynch	1872-1873
Travis L. Little	2004	H.M. Street	1873-1874
William G. Hewes III	2008	I.D. Shad	1874-1876
Terry W. Brown	2012	H.M. Street	1876-1878
Giles Ward	2015	W.A. Percy	1878-1880
Terry C. Burton	2016	B.F. Johns	1880-1882
Gray Tollison	2019	W.H.H. Tison	1882-1884
Dean Kirby	2020	W.M. Inge	1884-1886

**SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES (1817-2021)**

Thomas A. Barnes	1817-1819	J.H. Sharpe	1886-1888
Edward Turner	1819-1821	C.B. Mitchel	1888-1890
B.R. Grayson	1821-1822	J.S. Madison	1890-1892
G.C. Brandon	1822-1823	H.M. Street	1892-1894
Cowles Mead	1823-1827	J.K. Vardaman	1894-1896
I.R. Nicholson	1827-1829	J.F. McCool	1896-1900
C.B. Greene	1829-1830	A.J. Russell	1900-1902
W.L. Sharkey	1830-1831	Emmet Thomas	1904-1908
Joseph Dunbar	1831-1832	Hugh M. Street	1908-1912
M.P. Degrafenreid	1832-1833	Hillrie M. Quin	1912-1916
David Pembel	1833-1834	Martin S. Connor	1916-1924
A.L. Bingaman	1834-1836	Thomas L. Bailey	1924-1936
John Irvin	1836-1837	Horace Stansel	1936-1936
William Vannerson	1837-1838	Fielding Wright	1936-1940
J.W. King	1838-1840	Samuel Lumpkin	1940-1944
Jesse Speight	1840-1841	Walter Sillers	1944-1966
J.A. Ventress	1841-1842	John R. Junkin	1966-1976
R.W. Roberts	1842-1844	C.B. Newman	1976-1988
		Tim Ford	1988-2004
		William J. McCoy	2004-2012
		Philip Gunn	2012-present

## 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

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Jan. 4, 2005—Apr. 6, 2005	Jan. 6, 2009—June 3, 2009	May 8, 2014—May 8, 2014
Mar. 12, 2005—Mar. 13, 2005	May 7, 2009—May 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2015—Apr. 5, 2015
May 18, 2005—May 27, 2005	June 2, 2009—June 30, 2009	Jan. 5, 2016—Apr. 24, 2016
June 28, 2005—July 2, 2005	July 10, 2009—July 10, 2009	Feb. 4, 2016—Feb. 4, 2016
July 15, 2005—July 15, 2005	Jan. 5, 2010—Apr. 28, 2010	June 28, 2016—June 29, 2016
Jan. 3, 2006—Apr. 25, 2006	Jan. 4, 2011—Apr. 7, 2011	Jan. 3, 2017—Apr. 2, 2017
Aug. 24, 2006—Sept. 13, 2006	Jan. 3, 2012—May 3, 2012	Jan. 2, 2018—March 28, 2018
Oct. 5, 2006—Oct. 5, 2006	Jan. 8, 2013—Apr. 4, 2013	Aug. 23, 2018—Aug. 23, 2018
Jan. 2, 2007—Apr. 25, 2007	Apr. 26, 2013—Apr. 26, 2013	Jan. 8, 2019—March 29, 2019
Apr. 27, 2007—May 18, 2007	June 27, 2013—June 28, 2013	Jan. 7, 2020—Oct. 10, 2020
Jan. 8, 2008—May 12, 2008	Jan. 7, 2014—Apr. 6, 2014	Jan. 5, 2021—Apr. 1, 2021
May 21, 2008—Aug. 21, 2008	Apr. 2, 2014—Apr. 2, 2014	



# HISTORICAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

YEAR	RESIDENT NUMBER OF POPULATION	REPRESENTATIVES
2020.....	2,961,279.....	4
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*

**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%
2020 .....	2,961,279 .....	-0.2%

# STATE HOLIDAYS

## **JANUARY**

New Year's Day.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Robert E. Lee's Birthday.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday

## **FEBRUARY**

George Washington's Birthday.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Day
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## **SEPTEMBER**

Labor Day .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
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## **NOVEMBER**

Armistice Day (Veteran's Day).....	11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sos.ms.gov))*

# CLIMATE INFORMATION

## MEAN TEMPERATURE (DEGREES FAHRENHEIT)

	JANUARY		JULY		ANNUAL AVG. TEMP
	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	
Biloxi .....	59.8.....	48.6.....	89.7 .....	75.3.....	68.5
Clarksdale .....	50.3.....	32.0.....	90.4 .....	71.8.....	62.4
Columbus.....	55.8.....	35.8.....	93.8 .....	72.7.....	65.4
Corinth.....	49.2.....	30.4.....	90.0 .....	69.7.....	60.5
Greenville .....	53.0.....	35.1.....	92.5 .....	72.4.....	64.0
Hernando .....	49.7.....	30.2.....	90.1 .....	70.7.....	61.2
Jackson .....	57.4.....	36.6.....	92.1 .....	72.2.....	65.4
Kosciusko.....	54.3.....	33.0.....	90.0 .....	70.9.....	62.8
Laurel .....	59.9.....	34.6.....	93.2 .....	70.3.....	65.5
Meridian .....	59.0.....	34.6.....	93.3 .....	72.0.....	65.9
Natchez .....	56.9.....	35.9.....	89.5 .....	71.3.....	64.2
Tupelo.....	53.2.....	33.6.....	92.3 .....	72.4.....	63.6
Tylertown .....	60.4.....	37.0.....	91.0 .....	70.9.....	66.0

*Based on 1991-2020 normals*

## PRECIPITATION (INCHES)

	MEAN WETTEST MONTH	MEAN DRIEST MONTH	ANNUAL
Biloxi .....	8.09.....	3.68 .....	66.80
Clarksdale .....	6.16.....	2.85 .....	55.86
Columbus.....	5.69.....	3.20 .....	56.64
Corinth.....	6.32.....	3.57 .....	58.82
Greenville .....	5.10.....	2.83 .....	49.00
Hernando .....	6.25.....	3.40 .....	56.53
Jackson .....	5.84.....	3.48 .....	57.35
Kosciusko.....	6.75.....	3.74 .....	62.52
Laurel .....	5.76.....	3.48 .....	59.64
Meridian .....	5.66.....	3.17 .....	57.00
Natchez .....	6.23.....	4.04 .....	60.13
Tupelo.....	5.94.....	3.57 .....	57.74
Tylertown .....	6.30.....	4.25 .....	62.51

*Based on 1991-2020 normals*

# U.S. CENSUS – MISSISSIPPI STATISTICS

## POPULATION

Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	2,976,149
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019) .....	2,968,130
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019) ....	0.3%
Population, Census, April 2010 .....	2,961,279

## AGE AND SEX

Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	6.2%
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	7.1%
Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	23.5%
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	25.5%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	16.4%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	12.8%
Female persons, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	51.5%
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010.....	51.4%

## RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

White alone, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	59.1%
White alone, percent, April 1, 2010.....	59.1%
Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019).....	37.8%
Black or African American alone, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	37.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019).....	0.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	0.5%
Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019).....	1.1%
Asian alone, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) ....	0.1%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	< 0.1%
Two or more races, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	1.3%
Two or more races, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	1.1%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019).....	3.4%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	2.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2019, (V2019) .....	56.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010 .....	58.0%

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Veterans, 2015-2019 .....	165,538
Foreign born persons, percent, 2015-2019.....	2.4%

## HOUSING

Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019).....	1,339,021
Housing units, April 1, 2010 .....	1,274,719
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2015-2019 .....	68.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2015-2019.....	\$119,000
Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2015-2019 .....	\$1,147
Median selected monthly owner costs - without a mortgage, 2015-2019.....	\$359
Median gross rent, 2015-2019 .....	\$780
Building permits, 2020.....	7,810

**FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

Households, 2015-2019.....	1,104,394
Persons per household, 2015-2019.....	2.62
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2015-2019.....	86.9%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2015-2019 .....	4.0%

**COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE**

Households with a computer, percent, 2015-2019 .....	83.8%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2015-2019 .....	71.5%

**EDUCATION**

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 .....	84.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2015-2019 .....	22.0%

**HEALTH**

With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2015-2019 .....	11.9%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent.....	15.4%

**ECONOMY**

In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019.....	56.7%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2015-2019 .....	53.4%
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, 2015-2019.....	24.8
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**INCOME AND POVERTY**

Median household income, 2015-2019 .....	\$45,081
Per capita income in past 12 months, 2015-2019 .....	\$24,369
Persons in poverty, percent.....	19.6%

**BUSINESSES**

Total employer establishments, 2019 .....	85,541
Total employment, 2019.....	912,014
Total annual payroll, 2019.....	32,776,761
Total employment, percent change, 2018-2019.....	1.4%
Total non-employer establishments, 2018 .....	222,159
All firms, 2012 .....	235,454
Men-owned firms, 2012 .....	125,079
Women-owned firms, 2012.....	89,159
Minority-owned firms, 2012.....	74,824

Non-minority-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](http://www.census.gov) based on population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)

## SEX AND AGE

Total population.....	2,976,149 .....	%
Under 5 years.....	179,497 .....	6.0
5 to 9 years .....	190,277 .....	6.4
10 to 14 years.....	211,264 .....	7.1
15 to 19 years.....	214,658 .....	7.2
20 to 24 years.....	200,789 .....	6.7
25 to 34 years.....	368,227 .....	12.4
35 to 44 years.....	379,610 .....	12.8
45 to 54 years.....	361,557 .....	12.1
55 to 59 years.....	192,721 .....	6.5
60 to 64 years.....	190,745 .....	6.4
65 to 74 years.....	289,064 .....	9.7
75 to 84 years.....	143,319 .....	4.8
85 years and over.....	54,421 .....	1.8
Median age (years) .....	38.3	
18 years and over.....	2,277,729 .....	76.5
21 years and over.....	2,131,424 .....	71.6
62 years and over.....	601,013 .....	20.2
65 years and over.....	486,804 .....	16.4

## RACE

Total population.....	2,976,149 .....	%
One race .....	2,932,485 .....	98.5
White .....	1,726,970 .....	58.0
Black or African American.....	1,130,608 .....	38.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14,634 .....	0.5
Asian.....	31,154 .....	1.0
Asian Indian.....	7,131 .....	0.2
Chinese.....	4,575 .....	0.2
Filipino.....	4,736 .....	0.2
Japanese.....	929 .....	0.0
Korean.....	1,314 .....	0.0
Vietnamese .....	10,594 .....	0.4
Other Asian.....	1,875 .....	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander .....	175 .....	0.0
Other race .....	28,944 .....	1.0
Two or more races.....	43,664 .....	1.5

## HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

White and Black or African American .....	20,886 .....	0.7
White and American Indian and Alaska Native .....	7,269 .....	0.2
White and Asian .....	6,717 .....	0.2
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native .....	1,686 .....	0.1

### RACE ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER RACES:

White .....	1,766,642 .....	59.4
Black or African American.....	1,156,497 .....	38.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	25,154 .....	0.8
Asian.....	40,448 .....	1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1,638 .....	0.1
Some other race.....	31,875 .....	1.1

### HISPANIC OR LATINO

Total population.....	2,976,149 .....	%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) .....	90,143 .....	3.0
Mexican.....	51,249 .....	1.7
Puerto Rican .....	9,789 .....	0.3
Cuban .....	6,291 .....	0.2
Other Hispanic or Latino .....	22,814 .....	0.8
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	2,886,006 .....	97.0

### HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units.....	1,339,047 .....	%
Occupied housing units .....	1,100,229 .....	82.2
Vacant housing units .....	238,818 .....	17.8
Homeowner vacancy rate.....	2.2	
Rental vacancy rate .....	10.7	

### HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units .....	1,100,229 .....	%
Owner-occupied housing units .....	740,651 .....	67.3
Vacant housing units .....	359,578 .....	32.7
Average household size of owner-occupied units .....	2.67	
Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.52	

### HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households.....	1,100,229 .....	%
Family households (families) .....	718,382 .....	65.3
With own children under 18 years .....	281,962 .....	25.6
Married couple family.....	481,478 .....	43.8
-With own children under 18 years .....	166,838 .....	15.2
Male householder, no spouse present.....	51,755 .....	18.6
-With own children under 18 years .....	19,242 .....	1.8
Female householder, no spouse present .....	185,149 .....	16.8
-With own children under 18 years .....	96,882 .....	8.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years .....	343,271 .....	31.2

Households with one or more people 65 years and over ..... 464,297 ..... 42.2

Average household size ..... 2.62

Average family size ..... 3.29

## RELATIONSHIP

Population in households .....	2,882,767	%
Householder or Spouse.....	1,579,756	54.8
Child .....	893,658	31.0
Other relatives .....	270,980	9.4
Non-relatives .....	86,483	3.0
Unmarried partner.....	51,890	1.8

## MARITAL STATUS

Males 15 years and over .....	1,142,814	%
Never married .....	429,698	37.6
Now married, except separated .....	523,409	45.8
Separated .....	27,428	2.4
Widowed .....	36,570	3.2
Divorced .....	125,710	11.0
 Females 15 years and over .....	1,252,297	%
Never married .....	398,230	31.8
Now married, except separated .....	529,722	42.3
Separated .....	37,569	3.0
Widowed .....	128,987	10.3
Divorced .....	156,537	12.5

## FERTILITY

Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months .....	35,965	%
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married).....	16,812	46.8
 Per 1,000 married women.....	40	
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old.....	51	
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old.....	16	
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old.....	92	
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old.....	25	

**GRANDPARENTS**

Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years .....	87,772 .....	%
Responsible for grandchildren.....	45,027 .....	51.3
Years responsible for grandchildren		
Less than 1 year .....	7,636 .....	8.7
1 or 2 years.....	7,899 .....	9.0
3 or 4 years.....	6,231 .....	7.1
5 or more years.....	23,259 .....	26.5
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years .....	44,986 .....	%
Who are female .....	29,556 .....	65.7
Who are married.....	27,756 .....	61.7

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school .....	754,558 .....	%
Nursery school, preschool.....	52,065 .....	6.9
Kindergarten .....	38,482 .....	5.1
Elementary school (grades 1-8) .....	323,705 .....	42.9
High school (grades 9-12) .....	155,439 .....	20.6
College or graduate school.....	184,112 .....	24.4

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Population 25 years and over.....	1,979,664 .....	%
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade.....	191,065 .....	4.6
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, no diploma.....	199,946 .....	10.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency) .....	597,859 .....	30.2
Some college, no degree .....	441,465 .....	22.3
Associate's degree.....	207,865 .....	10.5
Bachelor's degree.....	271,214 .....	13.7
Graduate or professional degree.....	170,251 .....	8.6
Percent high school graduate or higher.....		85.3
Percent bachelor's degree or higher .....		22.3

**VETERAN STATUS**

Civilian population 18 years and over .....	2,263,307 .....	%
Civilian veterans .....	153,905 .....	6.8

**RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO**

Population 1 year and over .....	2,943,737 .....	%
Same house .....	2,584,601 .....	87.8
Different house in the U.S.....	353,248 .....	12.0
Same county.....	191,342 .....	6.5
Different county.....	161,906 .....	5.5
Same state .....	100,087 .....	3.4
Different state.....	61,818 .....	2.1
Abroad.....	5,887 .....	0.2

**PLACE OF BIRTH**

Total population.....	2,976,149 .....	%
Native .....	2,913,649 .....	97.9
Born in United States.....	2,892,817 .....	97.2
State of residence.....	2,127,947 .....	71.5
Different state.....	764,870 .....	25.7
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s).....	20,833 .....	0.7
Foreign born.....	62,499 .....	2.1

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS**

Foreign-born population .....	63,917 .....	%
Naturalized U.S. citizen .....	28,379 .....	44.4
Not a U.S. citizen.....	35,538 .....	55.6

**YEAR OF ENTRY**

Population born outside the United States.....	83,991 .....	%
Native .....	20,074 .....	%
Entered 2010 or later.....	4,938 .....	24.6
Entered before 2010 .....	15,135 .....	75.4
Foreign born.....	63,917 .....	%
Entered 2010 or later.....	21,667 .....	33.9
Entered before 2010 .....	42,249 .....	66.1

**WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN**

Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea .....	63,917 .....	%
Europe.....	6,327 .....	9.9
Asia.....	22,115 .....	34.6
Africa.....	3,068 .....	4.8
Oceania.....	639 .....	1.0
Latin America.....	30,424 .....	47.6
Northern America.....	1,342 .....	2.1

**LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME**

Population 5 years and over .....	2,796,652 .....	%
English only .....	2,684,786 .....	96.0
Language other than English .....	111,686 .....	4.0
Speak English less than "very well".....	41,950 .....	1.5
Spanish .....	64,883 .....	2.3
Speak English less than "very well".....	28,323 .....	1.0
Other Indo-European languages .....	19,577 .....	0.7
Speak English less than "very well".....	5,593 .....	0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages.....	16,780 .....	0.6
Speak English less than "very well".....	5,593 .....	0.2
Other languages.....	6,712 .....	0.4
Speak English less than "very well".....	2,797 .....	0.1

**ANCESTRY**

Total population.....	2,976,149	.....%
American.....	303,567	.....10.2
Arab.....	8,928	.....0.3
Czech.....	0	.....0.0
Danish.....	2,976	.....0.1
Dutch.....	11,905	.....0.4
English.....	199,402	.....6.7
French (except Basque).....	65,475	.....2.2
French Canadian.....	5,952	.....0.2
German.....	145,831	.....4.9
Greek.....	2,976	.....0.1
Hungarian.....	0	.....0.0
Irish.....	190,474	.....6.4
Italian.....	55,954	.....1.6
Lithuanian.....	0	.....0.0
Norwegian.....	8,928	.....0.3
Polish.....	11,905	.....0.4
Portuguese.....	2,976	.....0.1
Russian.....	2,976	.....0.1
Scotch-Irish.....	44,642	.....1.5
Scottish.....	41,666	.....1.4
Slovak.....	0	.....0.0
Subsaharan African.....	20,833	.....0.7
Swedish.....	5,952	.....0.2
Swiss.....	0	.....0.0
Ukrainian.....	0	.....0.0
Welsh.....	8,928	.....0.3
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups).....	2,976	.....0.1

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

Population 16 years and over.....	2,360,5083	.....%
In labor force.....	1,342,991	.....56.9
Civilian labor force.....	1,328,569	.....56.3
-Employed.....	1,240,752	.....52.6
-Unemployed.....	87,817	.....3.7
Armed Forces.....	14,422	.....0.6
Not in labor force.....	1,017,517	.....43.1
Civilian labor force.....	1,328,569	.....%
Percent unemployed.....		.....6.6
Females 16 years and over.....	1,235,646	.....%
In labor force.....	660,328	.....53.4
Civilian labor force.....	657,495	.....53.2
-Employed.....	615,241	.....49.8
Own children under 6 years.....	203,048	.....%
All parents in family in labor force.....	142,102	.....70.0
Own children 6 to 17 years.....	436,862	
All parents in family in labor force.....	308,890	.....70.7

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

Workers 16 years and over .....	1,234,933 .....	%
Car, truck, or van – drove alone.....	1,047,757 .....	84.8
Car, truck, or van – carpooled .....	110,430 .....	8.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab).....	3,037 .....	0.2
Walked.....	13,518 .....	1.1
Other means .....	21,765 .....	1.8
Worked at home .....	38,283 .....	3.1

Mean travel time to work (minutes).....25.1

**OCCUPATION**

Civilian employed population 16 years and over.....	1,240,752	
Management, business, science, and arts occupations .....	406,499 .....	32.8
Service occupations.....	227,161 .....	18.3
Sales and office occupations .....	251,460 .....	20.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations....	128,439 .....	10.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations ....	227,193 .....	18.3

**INDUSTRY**

Civilian employed population 16 years and over.....	1,240,752	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining .....	27,179 .....	2.2
Construction.....	83,950 .....	6.7
Manufacturing.....	167,001 .....	13.4
Wholesale trade.....	32,996 .....	2.6
Retail trade.....	135,067 .....	10.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities.....	84,657 .....	6.8
Information.....	13,188 .....	1.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing.....	57,918 .....	4.7
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services .....	81,667 .....	6.6
Educational services, and health care and social assistance.....	314,264.....	25.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services .....	120,932 .....	9.7
Other services, except public administration .....	60,999 .....	4.9
Public administration.....	60,934 .....	4.9

**CLASS OF WORKER**

Civilian employed population 16 years and over.....	1,240,752	
Private wage and salary workers .....	73,034 .....	5.9
Government workers .....	220,123 .....	17.7
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers and unpaid family workers .....	69,762 .....	5.6

## INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)

Total households.....	1,100,229	
Less than \$10,000 .....	102,072	9.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	72,195	6.6
\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	137,947	12.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	122,975	11.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	151,068	13.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	191,518	17.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	122,825	11.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	119,877	10.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	44,171	4.0
\$200,000 or more .....	35,581	3.2
Median household income (dollars).....	45,792	
Mean household income (dollars).....	65,081	
With earnings.....	796,827	72.4
Mean earnings (dollars).....	67,076	
With Social Security .....	396,465	36.0
Mean Social Security income (dollars).....	18,378	
With retirement income .....	259,071	23.5
Mean retirement income (dollars) .....	22,851	
With Supplemental Security Income.....	80,288	7.3
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars) .....	9,406	
With cash public assistance income.....	20,181	1.8
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars) .....	2,805	
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months.....	148,478	13.5
Families .....	718,382	
Less than \$10,000 .....	40,614	5.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	25,200	3.5
\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	68,499	9.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	68,507	9.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	102,398	14.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	139,857	19.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	98,658	13.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	103,553	14.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	40,119	5.6
\$200,000 or more .....	30,977	4.3
Median family income (dollars).....	58,503	
Mean family income (dollars) .....	77,752	
Per capita income (dollars) .....	20,301	
Non-family households .....	381,847	
Median nonfamily income (dollars).....	25,562	
Mean non-family income (dollars).....	39,081	
Median earnings for workers (dollars) .....	29,341	
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars).....	43,024	
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)....	33,140	

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, based on 2019: ACS 1-Year Estimates Comparison Profiles*

## 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.

