2010 Census: Mississippi Profile

Population Density by Census Tract

Population by Sex and Age

Total Population: 2,967,297

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up 2.7% of the state population.

State Race* Breakdown

- Black or African American (37.0%)
- American Indian and Alaska Native (0.5%)
- Asian (0.9%)
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (<0.1%)
- Some other race (1.3%)
- Two or more races (1.1%)

*One race

Housing Tenure

Total Occupied Housing Units: 1,115,768

- 69.6% Owner Occupied
- 30.4% Renter Occupied

Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units: 2.60 people
Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units: 2.53 people

People per Square Mile by Census Tract

U.S. density is 88.4

County Boundary
Mississippi Mean Center of Population

Mississippi Population 1970 to 2010

- 2010: 2,967,297
- 2000: 2,844,658
- 1990: 2,573,216
- 1980: 2,520,638
- 1970: 2,216,912

FemaleMale

Total Occupied: 1,115,768

85+ Years

Average Household Size

Female

Male
Mississippi

BASIC INFORMATION

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HISTORY

All of the area of Mississippi except the part south of the 31st parallel was included in the original territory of the United States. The United States claimed the territory south of the 31st parallel as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Mississippi Territory was organized on April 7, 1798, from unorganized area; it included area west of Georgia to the Mississippi River, comprising the southern third of the present-day states of Alabama and Mississippi. The territory annexed the northern part of the same two future states when Georgia ceded its western claims in 1802 and the lands south of the 31st parallel in 1812. Mississippi Territory was reduced by the organization of Alabama Territory in 1817. Mississippi was admitted to the Union on December 10, 1817, as the 20th state, with generally the same boundary as the present state, although jurisdiction over the entire area was not formally accomplished until Spain relinquished its claims to the southern portion of the state in 1819.

Census data for Mississippi are available beginning with the 1800 census. The 1800 and 1810 populations do not include the area now within the state of Alabama even though that area was legally part of Mississippi Territory. The population of Mississippi Territory as legally existing for those censuses was 40,352 in 1810 and 8,550 in 1800.

Data for the legally established state of Mississippi are available beginning with the 1820 census.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Mississippi has one federally recognized American Indian reservation.

METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITIAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Mississippi has 5 metropolitan statistical areas, 20 micropolitan statistical areas, and 3 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 82 counties in Mississippi. All counties are functioning governmental units, each governed by a board of supervisors.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

There are 410 county subdivisions in Mississippi known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). The MCDs in Mississippi are supervisors’ districts, which are nonfunctioning geographic subdivisions of the county defined for the purpose of electing county officials. Each county has five districts.

PLACES

Mississippi has 362 places; 298 incorporated places and 64 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 110 cities, 169 towns, and 19 villages. Villages can no longer be created except in special circumstances, but existing villages with at least 50 people may maintain their status as a village.