

CARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Carthage	3,827	4,093	4,637	5,121	5,108
Leake County	18,474	19,194	20,940	22,306	22,154

Most populated cities in Leake County:

City	2005 Population
Carthage	5,121
Walnut Grove	495
Lena	179

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	21.2 %	40 to 49	14.8 %
18 to 21	6.5 %	50 to 64	16.0 %
22 to 29	11.5 %	65 and over	15.4 %
30 to 39	14.6 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 35.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1990 and 2000; 2005 and 2010 Population Estimates, Demographics Now.

LOCATION

Distance to selected cities from Carthage:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	372 miles	600 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	720 miles	1,161 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	442 miles	713 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	60 miles	97 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	195 miles	315 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	212 miles	342 kilometers

Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LABOR UNIONS

Information on labor union activity in Mississippi can be obtained by calling MDA at 601-359-3449.

WAGES

Annual Average, 2004*:

Manufacturing

Leake County	NA	NA
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Leake County	\$407/week	\$10.18/hour
Mississippi	\$508/week	\$12.70/hour
United States	\$724/week	\$18.10/hour

*All rates include management personnel.

Source: County data-Mississippi Department of Employment Security, U.S. data-U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004 Annual Average.

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average, 2004:

	Leake County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	8,790	177,880
Male Percentage	53%	
Female Percentage	47%	
Total Employment	8,700	167,020
Manufacturing	0	
Services & Misc.	2,408	
Total Unemployed	570	8,650
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	4.9%
U.S.	5.5%	
Mississippi	6.2%	

*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties in Mississippi and neighboring states.

Source: Mississippi Department of Employment Security 2004, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Carthage	\$ 96	\$ 119	\$ 134
Leake County	\$ 119	\$ 181	\$ 182

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1995; 2000, 2004.

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Leake County	\$14,589	\$17,990	\$20,578

Earnings, Leake County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$177,693,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	0.0%
Services-Other	5.0%
Wholesale Trade	2.0%
Retail Trade	8.0%
Government	23.1%
Construction	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	4.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	5.2%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	0.0%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	1.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2003.

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Leake County	\$ 59	\$ 97	\$ 111

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Carthage 2

Banks with one or more branches in Carthage 4

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Bank Directory, 2005-2006 Edition.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Carthage:

MS 16,

Railroads in Carthage:

NA

Air Travel in Carthage:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson-Evers International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 50

Length of runway 8,500 feet/2,591 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 40

Major airlines serving the airport:

American Eagle, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, TWExpress, United

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Carthage-Leake County, Carthage

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

Common carriers operating in Carthage area 22

Carthage's nearest full-service port:

Port of Vicksburg

Post Office Box 709

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1012

Distance from Carthage 93 miles/150 kilometers

Name of waterway Tennessee-Tombigbee

Channel depth 9 feet/3 meters

Source: Mississippi Department of Transportation; Mississippi Port Authorities; unpublished data collected by MDA, 2005.

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Leake County 1

Number of beds 25

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, Directory of Mississippi Health Facilities, 2004.

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Leake County and Mississippi, request an Education Profile. Education Profiles are prepared for all Mississippi counties and may be obtained by calling 601-359-3593, or online at www.mississippi.org.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity distributor(s) in Carthage:

Entergy

Water/sewage service in Carthage:

Utility name	City of Carthage
Source	Well
System capacity	2,622,240 gallons per day 9,933 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	4,950,000 gallons per day 18,750 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	6,000,000 gallons per day 22,727 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	1,000,000 gallons 3,788 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Conventional lagoon
Percent of community served	90%
Present load	40%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Carthage:

Atmos Energy

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Carthage
Land area	585 square miles/1,516 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	69 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	Natchez Trace Parkway

State Parks:

Golden Memorial

Tourism related information

Call 1-800-WARMEST

Source: Mississippi Elected Officials Directory; Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN LEAKE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Tyson Foods, Inc.-Carthage	1,800	Fresh and frozen poultry, young chickens (broilers and fryers), wet ice pack
Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprise #s 1,2,3	150	Automotive switch assemblies (for aftermarket of Ford Motor Co.)
HiSAN, Inc.	32	All other motor vehicle accessories, new, n.e.c.; steel tubing for brake lines, fuel lines, transmis
H & H Chief Sales, Inc.	27	Pull-type fertilizer spreaders (i.e., fertilizer distributors)
Central Snacks, Inc.	18	Snacks: pork skins, onion rings, and cracklin

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, March 2006.

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Carthage

Class 7

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, August 2002.

COST OF HOUSING

Average Selling Price of Homes, 2004:

Jackson	\$199,485
Gulfport	\$189,900
Hattiesburg	\$204,780
Tupelo	\$192,228

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living, 2004.

PROPERTY TAX

General county millage 27.00

Property tax- Counties and municipalities levy a property tax on real and personal tangible property. Most property is assessed at 15% of true value. Motor vehicles and utilities (excluding railroads) are assessed at 30% and owner-occupied residential properties are assessed at 10% of true value.

To calculate annual property tax:

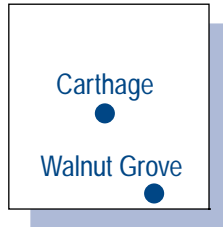
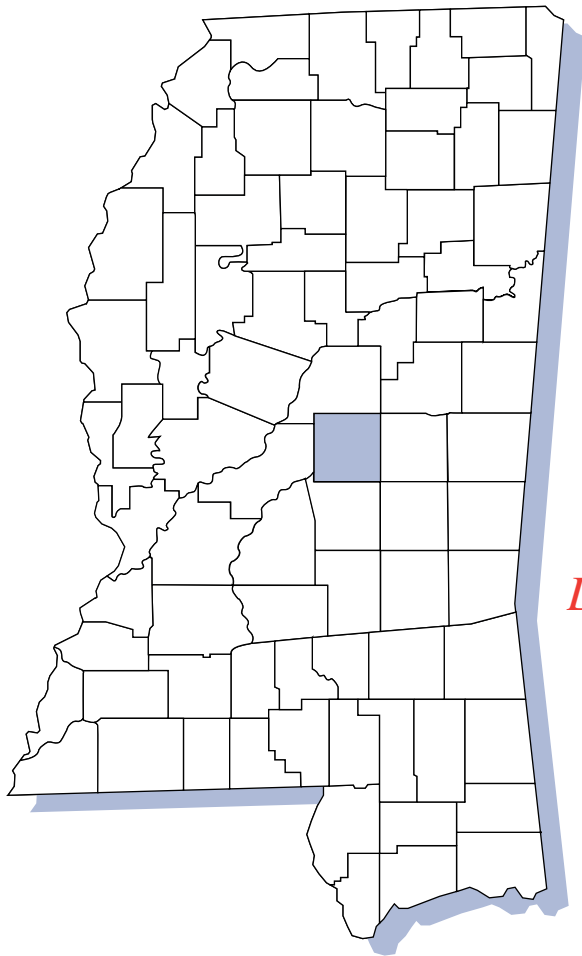
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

$$\text{Example: Home value } \$92,303 \text{ millage rate } 27.00 \\ (\$92,303 \times 10\% \times 27.00) / 1,000 = \$249.22$$

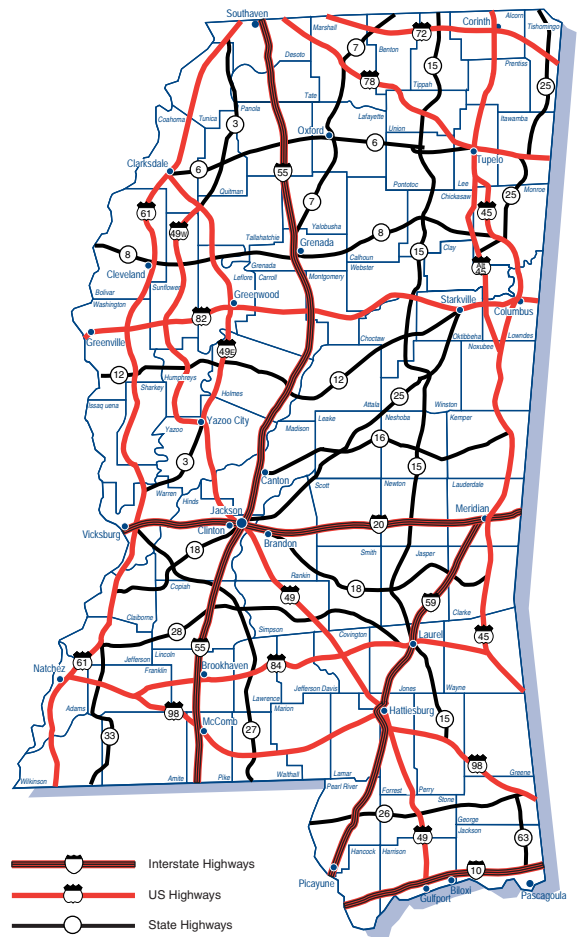
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Leake County

Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

