

# PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Purvis	2,144	2,343	2,164	2,262	2,364
Lamar County	30,482	33,635	39,070	43,262	47,279

### Most populated cities in Lamar County:

City	2005 Population
Purvis	2,262
Lumberton	2,261
Sumrall	1,142

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.2 %	40 to 49	16.0 %
18 to 21	6.8 %	50 to 64	15.0 %
22 to 29	12.7 %	65 and over	10.5 %
30 to 39	16.8 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 33.9

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 Purvis:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	384 miles	619 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	813 miles	1,311 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	469 miles	756 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	102 miles	165 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	287 miles	463 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	111 miles	179 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Lamar County	\$553/week	\$13.83/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Lamar County	\$447/week	\$11.18/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:

	Lamar County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	21,290	104,319
Male Percentage	54%	
Female Percentage	46%	
Total Employment	20,350	98,630
Manufacturing	1,163	
Services & Misc.	9,675	
Total Unemployed	870	5,640
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	5.4%
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
Purvis	\$ 25	\$ 34	\$ 37
Lamar County	\$ 423	\$ 680	\$ 773

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Lamar County	\$16,422	\$19,959	\$23,453

### Earnings, Lamar County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$429,972,000

### Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	10.2%
Services-Other	15.6%
Wholesale Trade	2.2%
Retail Trade	14.5%
Government	14.7%
Construction	5.1%
Finance & Insurance	6.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	5.2%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	19.2%
Educational Services	0.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	4.8%

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

## ASSESSED VALUE

### Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Lamar County	\$ 147	\$ 244	\$ 330

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Purvis** None

**Banks with one or more branches in Purvis** 2

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Purvis:

MS 589  
US 11  
I-59

### Railroads in Purvis:

Norfolk Southern

### Air Travel in Purvis:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 20

Length of runway 6,500 feet/1,982 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 2

Major airlines serving the airport:

Northwest Airlink

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

I.H. Bass, Jr. Memorial, Lumberton

Distance (miles) 1

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

**Common carriers operating in Purvis area** 15

### Purvis's nearest full-service port:

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Purvis 70 miles/113 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 36 feet/11 meters

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

## HEALTH CARE

**Hospitals in Lamar County** 2

**Number of beds** 261

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Lamar 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](http://www.mississippi.org).

## UTILITIES AND SERVICES

### Electricity distributor(s) in Purvis:

Mississippi Power Company

### Water/sewage service in Purvis:

Utility name	City of Purvis
Source	Wells
System capacity	1,080,000 gallons per day 4,091 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	210,800 gallons per day 798 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	225,000 gallons per day 852 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	250,000 gallons 947 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	283,000 gallons 1,072 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon
Percent of community served	90%
Present load	87%

### Natural gas distributor(s) in Purvis:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Purvis
Land area	500 square miles/1,296 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	70 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	None

### State Parks:

None

### 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 LAMAR COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Cooper Power Systems	299	Distribution transformers, electric
Hattiesburg Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	145	Bottler of soft drinks, in nonrefillable glass bottles
Custom Precast Products, Inc.	55	Underground concrete utilities; manholes, drainage boxes, etc.
Land O' Lakes Purina Feed, LLC-Lumberton	51	Dog food: dry, in packages from 25 to 50 lbs.
Diamond G Trailers/Graham Fabrication	49	Horse trailers, custom, all-aluminum

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Purvis

Class 8

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 27.84

**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:

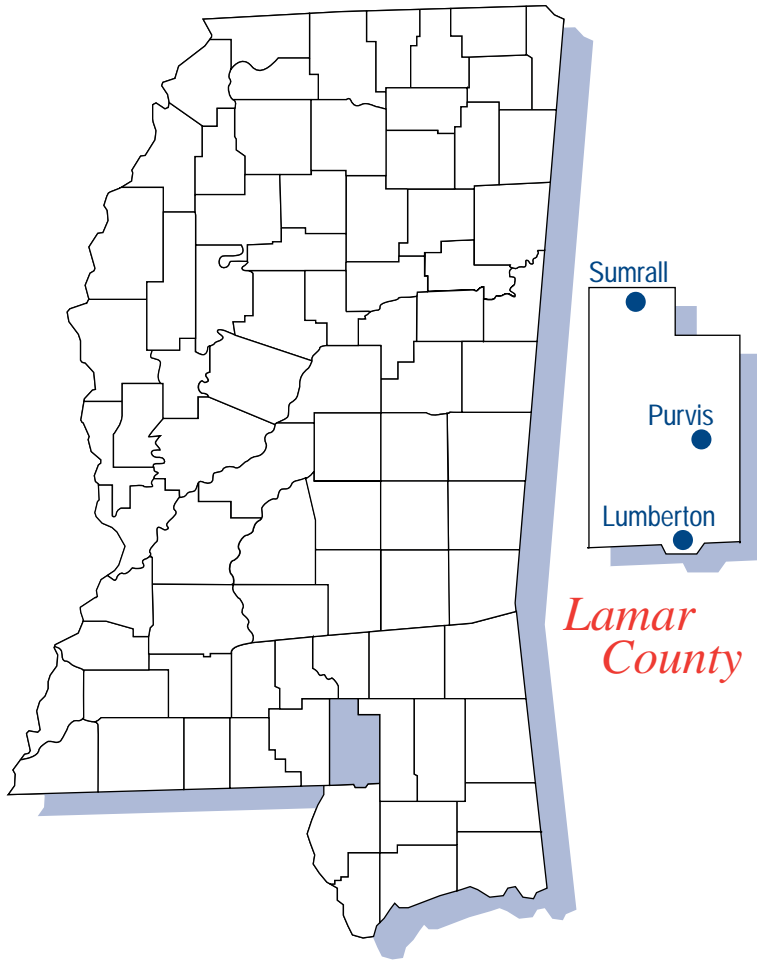
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

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

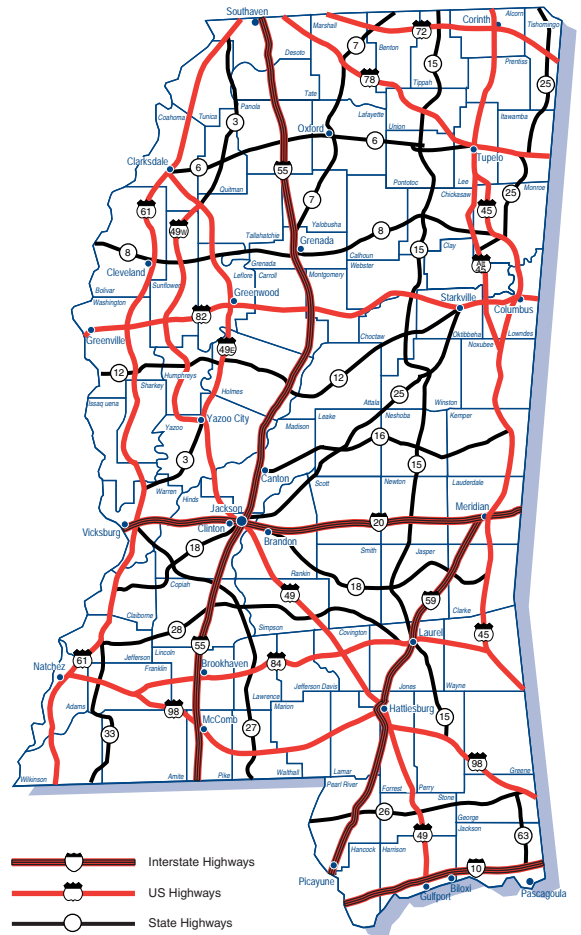
Example: Home value \$96,226 millage rate 27.84  
 $(\$96,226 \times 10\% \times 27.84) / 1,000 = \$267.89$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

# County Location



# Federal/State Highways



# Regional Map

