

# BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Bay St. Louis	8,094	9,202	8,209	8,512	8,791
Hancock County	31,889	37,427	42,967	45,933	55,117

### Most populated cities in Hancock County:

City	2005 Population
Bay St. Louis	8,512
Waveland	6,892

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	20.1 %	40 to 49	16.4 %
18 to 21	4.6 %	50 to 64	19.5 %
22 to 29	9.4 %	65 and over	14.9 %
30 to 39	15.1 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 40.5

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 Bay St. Louis:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	409 miles	660 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	902 miles	1,455 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	559 miles	902 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	173 miles	279 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	371 miles	598 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	62 miles	100 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Hancock County	\$1082/week	\$27.05/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Hancock County	\$561/week	\$14.03/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:	Hancock County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	21,070	144,990
Male Percentage	55%	
Female Percentage	45%	
Total Employment	19,630	134,590
Manufacturing	1,052	
Services & Misc.	8,016	
Total Unemployed	1,010	7,320
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.0%
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
Bay St. Louis	\$ 76	\$ 98	\$ 112
Hancock County	\$ 266	\$ 377	\$ 450

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Hancock County	\$16,511	\$20,901	\$23,990

### Earnings, Hancock County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$663,079,000

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

Manufacturing	12.3%
Services-Other	23.8%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%
Retail Trade	5.0%
Government	37.3%
Construction	3.6%
Finance & Insurance	2.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	1.5%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	0.0%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	7.3%

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

## ASSESSED VALUE

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

	1995	2000	2004
Hancock County	\$ 205	\$ 339	\$ 439

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Bay St. Louis** None

**Banks with one or more branches in Bay St.** 4

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Bay St. Louis:

MS43,  
US 90  
I-10

### Railroads in Bay St. Louis:

CSX System

### Air Travel in Bay St. Louis:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Gulfport-Biloxi Internat, Gulfport

Distance (miles) 22

Length of runway 9,000 feet/2,744 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 28

Major airlines serving the airport:

Air Trans, Continental Express, Delta/ASA, Northwest, Southeast

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Stennis International, Bay St. Louis

Distance (miles) Local

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

**Common carriers operating in Bay St. Louis** 20

### Bay St. Louis's nearest full-service port:

Port Bienville

Hancock County Port Commission, P.O. Box 226

Bay St. Louis, M 39521

228-467-9231

Distance from Bay St. Louis 15 miles/24 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf Intracoastal

Channel depth 12 feet/4 meters

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

## HEALTH CARE

**Hospitals in Hancock County** 1

**Number of beds** 104

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Hancock 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 Bay St. Louis:

Mississippi Power Company

### Water/sewage service in Bay St. Louis:

Utility name	Bay St. Louis Water Co.
Source	Ground water
System capacity	3,610,000 gallons per day 13,674 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	960,000 gallons per day 3,636 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	1,200,000 gallons per day 4,545 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	1,200,000 gallons 4,545 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	90%
Present load	NA

### Natural gas distributor(s) in Bay St. Louis:

City of Bay St. Louis

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

**County Seat(s)** Bay St. Louis

**Land area** 485 square miles/1,255 square kilometers

**County land area in commercial forests** 65 %

### National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Rocket Propulsion Test Complex

### State Parks:

Buccaneer

**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 HANCOCK COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co.	270	Satellite components; positioning thrusters and chassis
GE Plastics	250	CYCOLOY,SAN and ABS plastic resins (thermoplastic); used in auto components, telephone casings, etc.
Pratt & Whitney-Rocketdyne Propulsion &	220	Production of the RS-68 engine for the Delta IV shuttle
Wellman of Mississippi, Inc.	217	Polymer resins
Hancock Industries	65	Specialty packaging for various industries; bulk plastic recycling

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Bay St. Louis

Class 5

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** 21.30

**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:

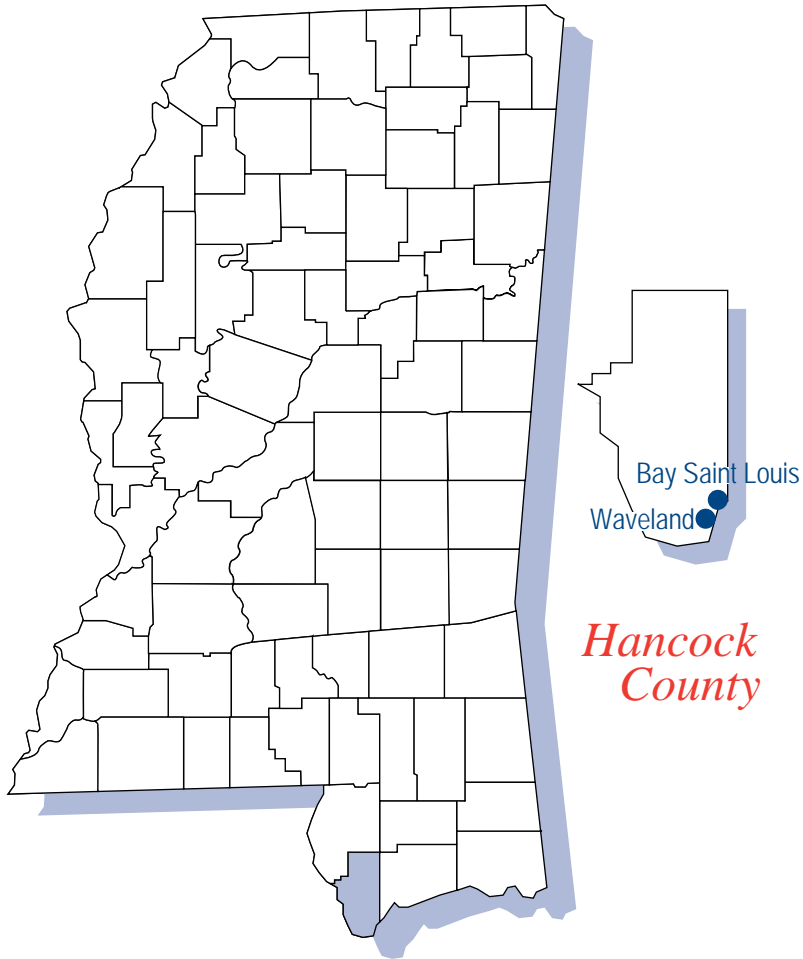
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

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

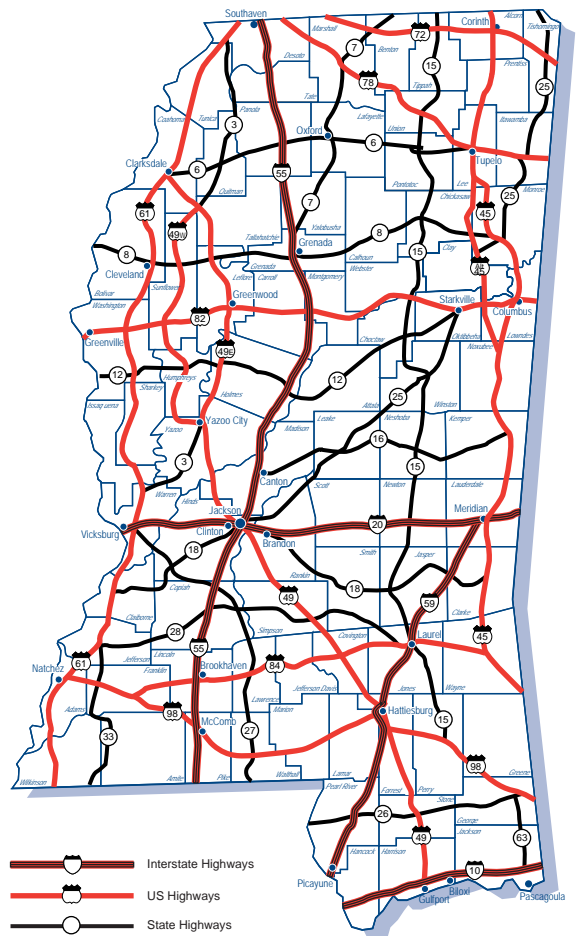
Example: Home value \$100,449 millage rate 21.30  
 $(\$100,449 \times 10\% \times 21.30) / 1,000 = \$213.96$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

# County Location



# Federal/State Highways



# Regional Map

