

HEIDELBERG, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Heidelberg	980	953	840	703	656
Jasper County	17,102	17,404	18,149	18,005	18,995

Most populated cities in Jasper County:

City	2005 Population
Bay Springs	1,684
Heidelberg	703
Louin	286
Montrose	104

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.6 %	40 to 49	15.0 %
18 to 21	6.4 %	50 to 64	16.5 %
22 to 29	10.5 %	65 and over	14.9 %
30 to 39	14.1 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 36.4

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 Heidelberg:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	355 miles	573 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	844 miles	1,361 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	485 miles	782 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	123 miles	198 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	285 miles	460 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	151 miles	244 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Jasper County	\$541/week	\$13.53/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Jasper County	\$440/week	\$11.00/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:	Jasper County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	8,200	122,280
Male Percentage	54%	
Female Percentage	46%	
Total Employment	6,950	111,650
Manufacturing	1,306	
Services & Misc.	1,321	
Total Unemployed	590	7,160
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	5.9%
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
Heidelberg	\$ 16	\$ 22	\$ 26
Jasper County	\$ 77	\$ 95	\$ 107

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Jasper County	\$14,012	\$16,139	\$19,077

Earnings, Jasper County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$138,643,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	33.1%
Services-Other	4.7%
Wholesale Trade	2.0%
Retail Trade	6.5%
Government	24.2%
Construction	3.9%
Finance & Insurance	3.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	4.4%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	0.0%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	0.0%

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

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Jasper County	\$ 65	\$ 91	\$ 115

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Heidelberg None

Banks with one or more branches in 2

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Heidelberg:

MS 503
US 11
I-59

Railroads in Heidelberg:

Norfolk Southern

Air Travel in Heidelberg:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 35

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

Number of daily outgoing flights 2

Major airlines serving the airport:

Northwest Airlin

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Thigpen Field, Bay Springs

Distance (miles) 18

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

Common carriers operating in Heidelberg area 15

Heidelberg's nearest full-service port:

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Heidelberg 113 miles/182 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 Jasper County 1

Number of beds 16

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Jasper 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 Heidelberg:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Heidelberg:

Utility name	Town of Heidelberg
Source	Wells
System capacity	384,000 gallons per day 1,455 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	NA NA
Peak consumption	NA NA
Storage capacity	350,000 gallons 1,326 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	165,000 gallons 625 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon
Percent of community served	99%
Present load	NA

Natural gas distributor(s) in Heidelberg:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s) Bay Springs, Paulding

Land area 677 square miles/1,755 square kilometers

County land area in commercial forests 81 %

National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Bienville National Forest

State Parks:

Lake Claude Bennett State Park

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 JASPER COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Peco Foods of Mississippi, Inc.	700	Poultry processing
Hol-Mac Corp., Plant No. 1	124	Fabricated structural metal
Georgia-Pacific Corp.-Bay Springs	115	Random length pine dimension
Hol-Mac Corp., Plant No. 2	111	Hydraulic cylinders (custom-built)
Peco Farms LLC-Feed Mill	50	Poultry feed mill

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Heidelberg

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 32.25

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 \$73,573 millage rate 32.25
 $(\$73,573 \times 10\% \times 32.25) / 1,000 = \237.27

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

