

LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Lucedale	2,599	2,830	2,458	2,688	2,830
George County	16,722	18,168	19,144	20,838	22,817

Most populated cities in George County:

City	2005 Population
Lucedale	2,688

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	23.2 %	40 to 49	14.2 %
18 to 21	5.9 %	50 to 64	17.4 %
22 to 29	12.0 %	65 and over	11.9 %
30 to 39	15.5 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 33.8

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 Lucedale:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	370 miles	597 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	869 miles	1,402 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	526 miles	848 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	148 miles	239 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	339 miles	547 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	149 miles	240 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

George County	\$671/week	\$16.78/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

George County	\$392/week	\$9.80/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:

	George County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	8,730	88,160
Male Percentage	61%	
Female Percentage	39%	
Total Employment	7,820	81,360
Manufacturing	218	
Services & Misc.	2,162	
Total Unemployed	760	5,530
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	6.3%
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
Lucedale	\$ 67	\$ 93	\$ 126
George County	\$ 96	\$ 141	\$ 160

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
George County	\$14,326	\$19,071	\$19,725

Earnings, George County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$126,605,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	8.0%
Services-Other	8.2%
Wholesale Trade	4.1%
Retail Trade	13.7%
Government	38.2%
Construction	3.7%
Finance & Insurance	4.5%
Transportation & Warehousing	8.6%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	5.1%
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
George County	\$ 54	\$ 84	\$ 101

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Lucedale 2

Banks with one or more branches in Lucedale 4

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Lucedale:

MS 26,
US 98

Railroads in Lucedale:

Canadian National, Mississippi Export

Air Travel in Lucedale:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Mobile Regional, Mobile, AL

Distance (miles) 35

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

Number of daily outgoing flights 22

Major airlines serving the airport:

Delta, Northwest Airlin, American West, Continental Express

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Trent Lott International, Pascagoula

Distance (miles) 21

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

Common carriers operating in Lucedale area 20

Lucedale's nearest full-service port:

Port of Pascagoula

Post Office Box 70

Pascagoula, MS 39568

228-762-4041

Distance from Lucedale 40 miles/65 kilometers

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 38 feet/12 meters

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

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in George County 1

Number of beds 53

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in George 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 Lucedale:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Lucedale:

Utility name	City of Lucedale
Source	Wells
System capacity	500,000 gallons per day 1,894 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	450,000 gallons per day 1,705 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	600,000 gallons per day 2,273 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon and wetland
Percent of community served	98%
Present load	95%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Lucedale:

Union Gas Company

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Lucedale
Land area	484 square miles/1,253 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	72 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	
Tombigbee National Forest	

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 GEORGE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
American Tank & Vessel, Inc.	200	Metal bulk storage tanks, fabricated and field erected; ground; petro, paper, pulp products
TC Construction Co.	55	Metal pipe fabrication
Tri-State Pole & Piling Co.	25	Pilings, poles and timbers (CCA treated); less than 15 feet in length
Sun Manufacturing, Inc.	22	Forestry trailers (low boys, folding poles, conventionals)
Crystal Crown, Inc.	19	Costume jewelry: crowns and tiaras

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Lucedale

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 36.66

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:

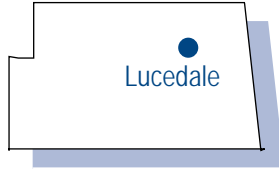
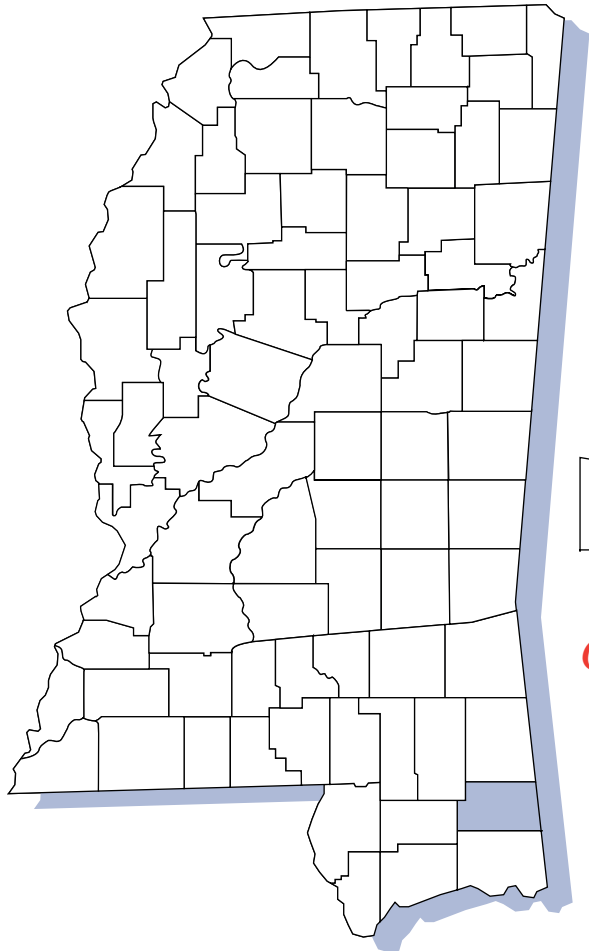
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

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

$$\text{Example: Home value } \$69,991 \text{ millage rate } 36.66 \\ (\$69,991 \times 10\% \times 36.66) / 1,000 = \$256.59$$

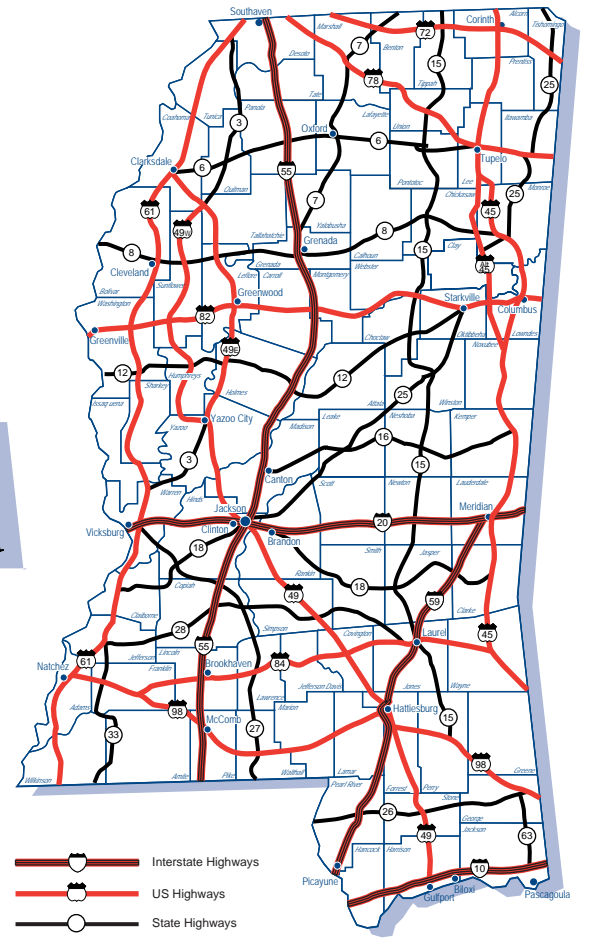
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



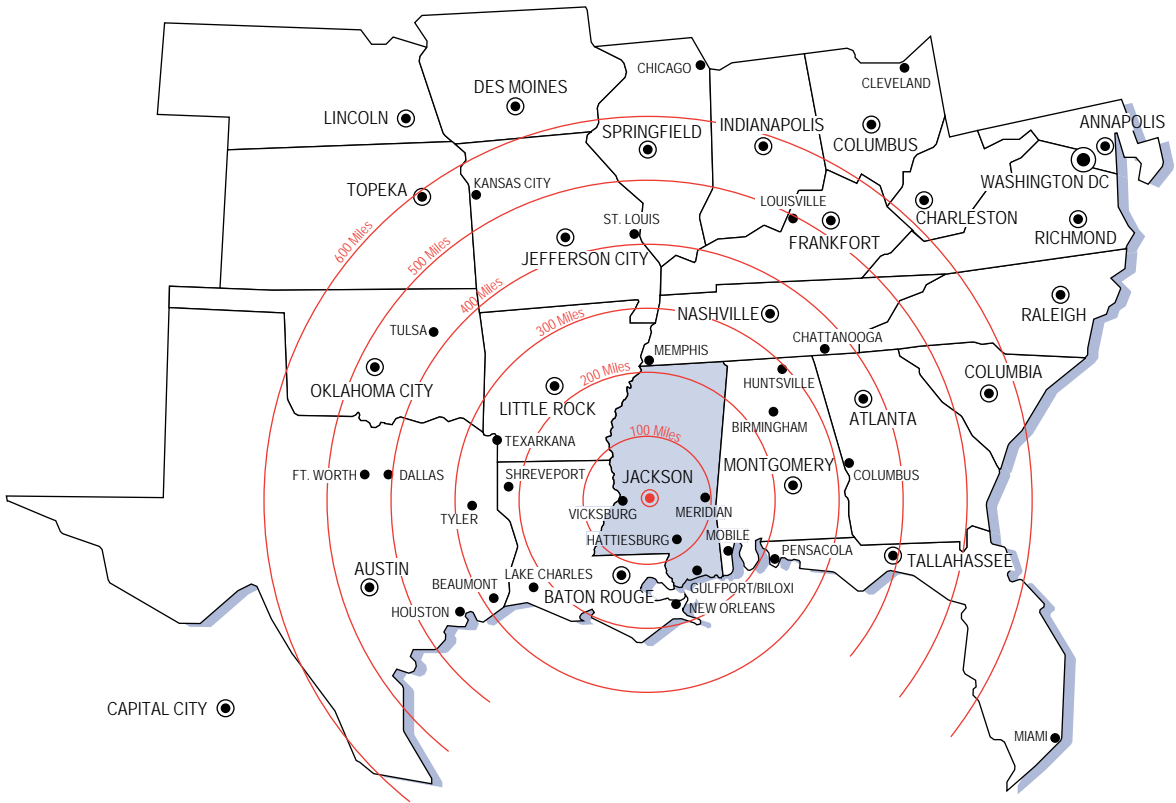
George
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Federal/State Highways



- Interstate Highways
- US Highways
- State Highways

Regional Map



CAPITAL CITY ●