

# MORTON, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Morton	3,219	3,285	3,482	NA	NA
Scott County	24,192	24,987	28,423	28,656	27,279

### Most populated cities in Scott County:

City	2005 Population
Forest	5,751
Sebastopol	249
Morton	NA

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.9 %	40 to 49	15.0 %
18 to 21	6.1 %	50 to 64	16.2 %
22 to 29	11.5 %	65 and over	13.4 %
30 to 39	15.0 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 35.2

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 Morton:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	366 miles	590 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	787 miles	1,269 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	444 miles	716 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	38 miles	61 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	257 miles	415 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	190 miles	306 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Scott County	\$472/week	\$11.80/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Scott County	\$391/week	\$9.78/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:

	Scott County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	12,840	177,610
Male Percentage	55%	
Female Percentage	45%	
Total Employment	12,690	165,930
Manufacturing	5,491	
Services & Misc.	3,761	
Total Unemployed	690	8,390
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.7%
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
Morton	\$ 29	\$ 30	\$ 37
Scott County	\$ 193	\$ 193	\$ 215

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Scott County	\$15,091	\$17,653	\$20,225

### Earnings, Scott County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$342,031,000

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

Manufacturing	49.1%
Services-Other	5.8%
Wholesale Trade	2.3%
Retail Trade	7.1%
Government	15.6%
Construction	2.8%
Finance & Insurance	2.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	4.5%
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
Scott County	\$ 91	\$ 113	\$ 142

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Morton** 1

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Morton:

MS 13,  
US 80  
I-20

### Railroads in Morton:

Kansas City Southern

### Air Travel in Morton:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson-Evers International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 35

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:

G.V. Sonny Montgomery, Forest

Distance (miles) 10

Length of runway 3,600 feet/1,098 meters

**Common carriers operating in Morton area** 22

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

Port of Vicksburg

Post Office Box 709

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1012

Distance from Morton 85 miles/137 kilometers

Name of waterway Mississippi River

Channel depth 9 feet/3 meters

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

## HEALTH CARE

**Hospitals in Scott County** 2

**Number of beds** 55

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Scott 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 Morton:

Entergy

### Water/sewage service in Morton:

Utility name	City of Morton
Source	Wells
System capacity	2,800,000 gallons per day 10,606 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	1,500,000 gallons per day 5,682 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	1,800,000 gallons per day 6,818 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	675,000 gallons 2,557 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	3,150,000 gallons 11,932 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	100
Present load	55%

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

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

<b>County Seat(s)</b>	Forest
<b>Land area</b>	610 square miles/1,581 square kilometers
<b>County land area in commercial forests</b>	66 %
<b>National Parks/Historic Landmarks:</b>	None

### State Parks:

Roosevelt  
Ross Barnett Reservoir

### 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 SCOTT COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Tyson Foods, Inc.-Jack Lee Drive Plant	1,500	Processing and deboning of poultry; broilers (fresh or frozen); fast food cuts
Koch Foods, Inc.-Forest	1,382	Deboned and marinated poultry parts; bread and battered fully-cooked poultry
Koch Foods, Inc.-Processing Plant	830	Fresh and frozen poultry
Peco Foods of Mississippi, Inc.	700	Deboned poultry meat and parts
Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems	636	Defense electronic subsystems; radar systems and equipment

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Morton

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** 40.52

**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:

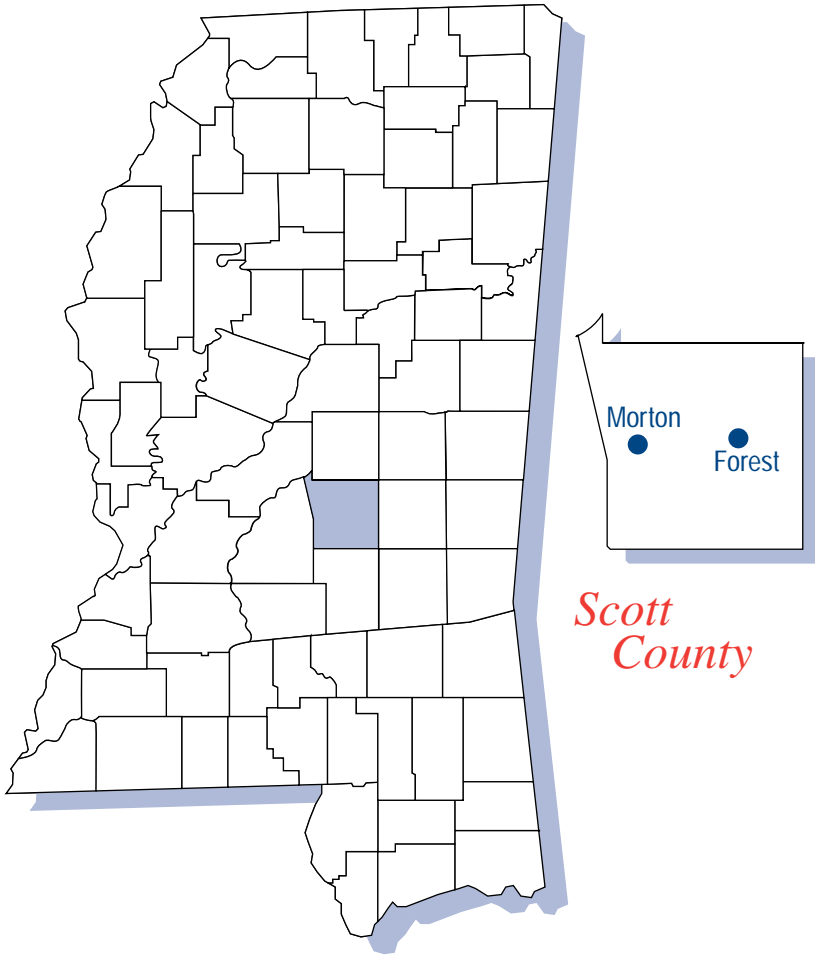
$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

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

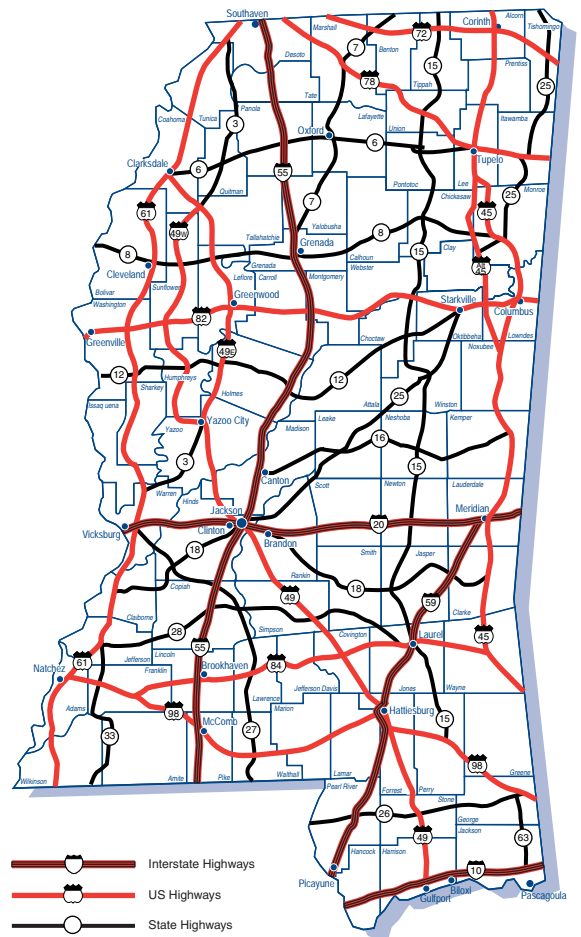
Example: Home value \$102,999 millage rate 40.52  
 $(\$102,999 \times 10\% \times 40.52) / 1,000 = \$417.35$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

# County Location



# Federal/State Highways



# Regional Map

