

# POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Pearl River County

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Poplarville	2,567	2,702	2,601	2,567	2,573
Pearl River County	38,828	43,266	48,621	51,835	61,216

### Most populated cities in Pearl River County:

City	2005 Population
Picayune	10,630
Poplarville	2,567

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	21.4 %	40 to 49	15.5 %
18 to 21	6.3 %	50 to 64	18.2 %
22 to 29	10.2 %	65 and over	13.6 %
30 to 39	14.8 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 37.0

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 Poplarville:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	408 miles	658 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	836 miles	1,348 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	493 miles	795 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	125 miles	202 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	306 miles	494 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	84 miles	135 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Pearl River County	\$681/week	\$17.03/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Pearl River County	\$393/week	\$9.83/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:

	Pearl River County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	22,560	212,740
Male Percentage	55%	
Female Percentage	45%	
Total Employment	20,810	198,990
Manufacturing	811	
Services & Misc.	5,431	
Total Unemployed	1,160	10,880
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.1%
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
Poplarville	\$ 22	\$ 32	\$ 47
Pearl River County	\$ 241	\$ 351	\$ 407

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Pearl River County	\$14,291	\$16,969	\$19,540

### Earnings, Pearl River County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$312,369,000

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

Manufacturing	13.4%
Services-Other	11.8%
Wholesale Trade	2.5%
Retail Trade	15.2%
Government	30.4%
Construction	7.3%
Finance & Insurance	4.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	2.1%
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
Pearl River County	\$ 140	\$ 211	\$ 279

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Poplarville** None

**Banks with one or more branches in** 3

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Poplarville:

MS 26,  
US 11  
I-59

### Railroads in Poplarville:

Norfolk Southern

### Air Travel in Poplarville:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 45

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:

Poplarville-Pearl River Cou, Poplarville

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 4,000 feet/1,220 meters

**Common carriers operating in Poplarville area** 15

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

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Poplarville 47 miles/76 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 Pearl River County** 2

**Number of beds** 119

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Pearl River 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 Poplarville:

Mississippi Power Company

### Water/sewage service in Poplarville:

Utility name	City of Poplarville
Source	Wells
System capacity	1,440,000 gallons per day 5,455 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	NA NA
Peak consumption	NA NA
Storage capacity	250,000 gallons 947 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	1,050,000 gallons 3,977 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	95%
Present load	50%

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

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Poplarville
Land area	819 square miles/2,121 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	65 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	
DeSoto 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 PEARL RIVER COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Huey Stockstill, Inc./Ready Mix Division	120	Masonry mix (made, bagged and sold)-fast setting stucco, anchor cement, etc.
Movie Star, Inc.	115	Ladies' lingerie (sleepwear)
Heritage Plastics, Inc.	110	Custom compounding of plastic
Valspar Refinish, Inc.	90	Automotive coatings
Avon Engineered Fabrications (Bell Avon)	80	Skirting for Hovercraft air cushion vehicles, rubber

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Poplarville

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 31.66

**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:

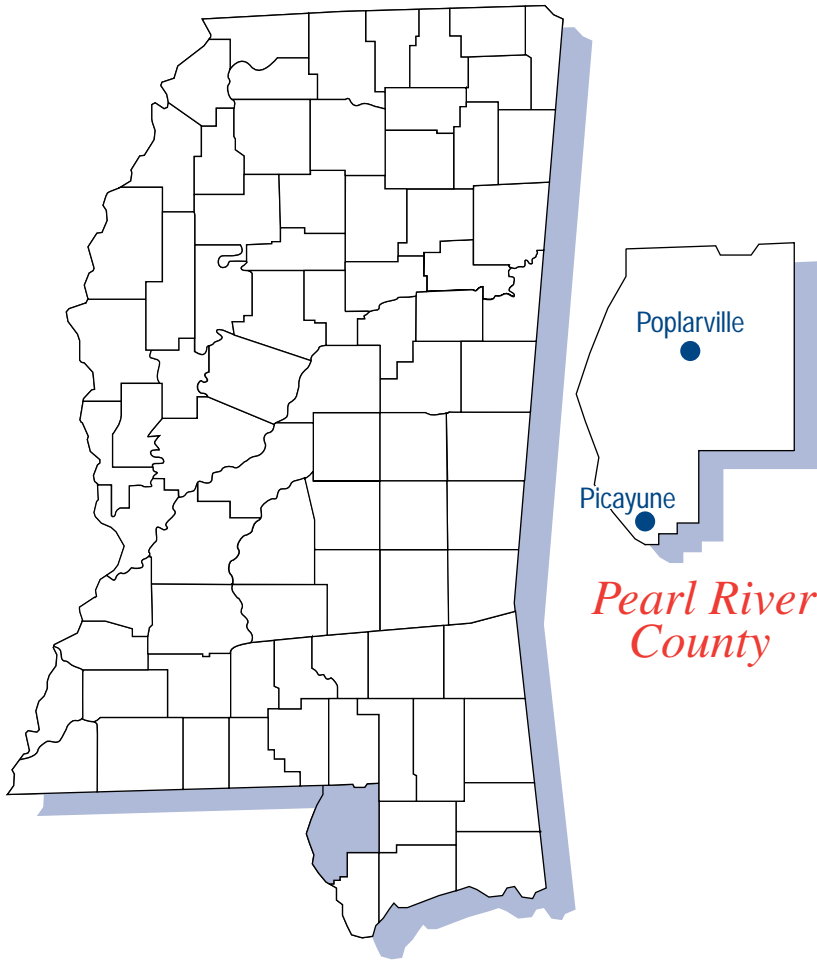
$$\text{Tax} = (\text{V} \times \text{A} \times \text{M}) / 1000$$

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

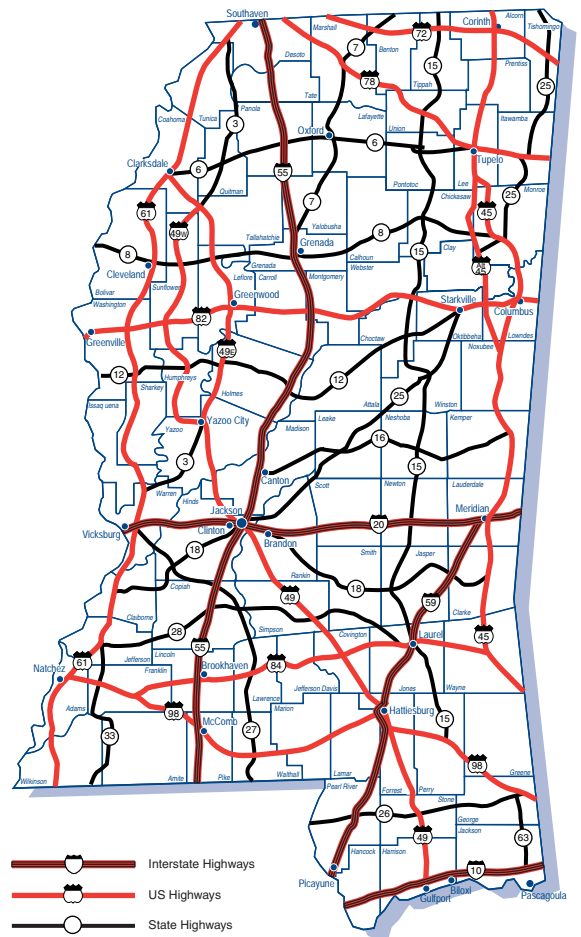
Example: Home value \$87,428 millage rate 31.66  
 $(\$87,428 \times 10\% \times 31.66) / 1,000 = \$276.80$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

# County Location



# Federal/State Highways



# Regional Map

