

UNION, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Union	1,879	1,874	2,021	1,963	1,940
Neshoba County	24,810	26,649	28,684	29,511	32,621

Most populated cities in Neshoba County:

City	2005 Population
Philadelphia	6,676
Union	1,963

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	22.2 %	40 to 49	14.7 %
18 to 21	5.9 %	50 to 64	16.1 %
22 to 29	11.2 %	65 and over	15.3 %
30 to 39	14.5 %		

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 Union:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	337 miles	544 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	733 miles	1,182 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	473 miles	763 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	99 miles	160 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	202 miles	326 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	227 miles	366 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Neshoba County	\$568/week	\$14.20/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Neshoba County	\$363/week	\$9.08/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:	Neshoba County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	14,730	102,090
Male Percentage	51%	
Female Percentage	47%	
Total Employment	14,150	96,250
Manufacturing	1,047	
Services & Misc.	3,597	
Total Unemployed	850	6,510
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.4%
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
Union	\$ 24	\$ 30	\$ 30
Neshoba County	\$ 214	\$ 284	\$ 308

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Neshoba County	\$16,522	\$20,468	\$25,687

Earnings, Neshoba County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$487,837,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	8.3%
Services-Other	4.4%
Wholesale Trade	2.0%
Retail Trade	5.5%
Government	55.0%
Construction	15.6%
Finance & Insurance	1.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	0.0%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	0.0%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	1.7%

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

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Neshoba County	\$ 79	\$ 123	\$ 137

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Union None

Banks with one or more branches in Union 2

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Union:

MS 15,

Railroads in Union:

Kansas City Southern

Air Travel in Union:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Meridian Regional, Meridian

Distance (miles) 35

Length of runway 10,004 feet/3,050 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 3

Major airlines serving the airport:

Atlantic Southeast, Northwest Airlinck

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Union Municipal, Union

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 2,550 feet/777 meters

Common carriers operating in Union area 20

Union's nearest full-service port:

Lowndes County Port

Post Office Box 663

Columbus, MS 39703

662-329-5886

Distance from Union 90 miles/145 kilometers

Name of waterway Tennessee-Tombigbee

Channel depth 9 feet/3 meters

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

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Neshoba County 1

Number of beds 82

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Neshoba 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 Union:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Union:

Utility name	Union Water Department
Source	Wells
System capacity	1,000,000 gallons per day 3,788 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	350,000 gallons per day 1,326 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	400,000 gallons per day 1,515 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	500,000 gallons 1,894 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	99%
Present load	30%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Union:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Philadelphia
Land area	572 square miles/1,481 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	65 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	None

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 NESHOPA COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Weyerhaeuser Co.-Philadelphia	215	Pine lumber
American Greetings Corp.	190	Greeting cards; Finishing work
Richardson Molding, Inc.	170	Plastic injection molding (storage battery covers and parts; automotive, etc.)
Peco Foods Feed Mill-Philadelphia	150	Poultry feed
Wells Lamont	140	Knitted work gloves

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Union 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 28.66

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:

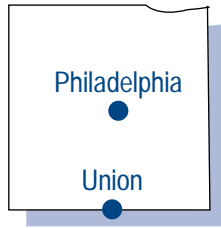
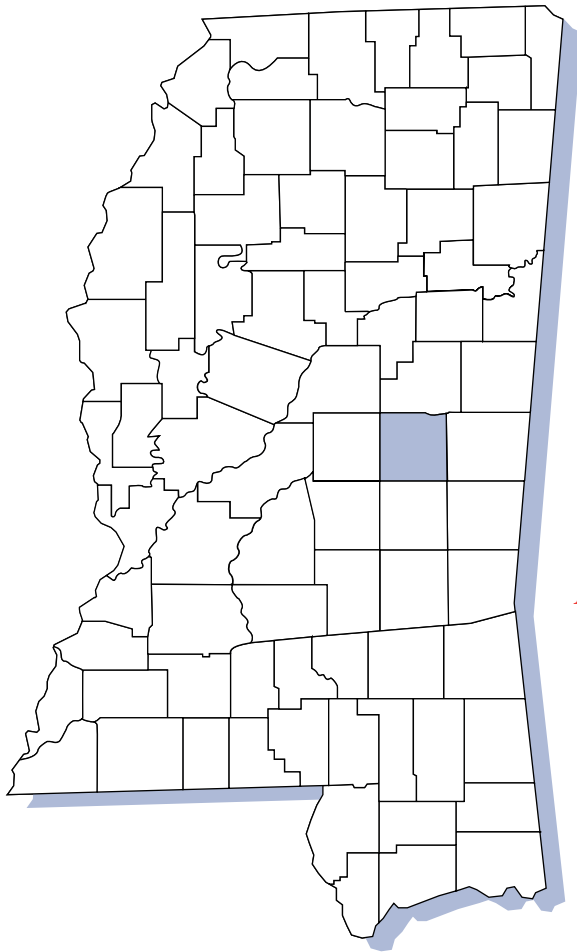
$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

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

Example: Home value \$90,219 millage rate 28.66
 $(\$90,219 \times 10\% \times 28.66) / 1,000 = \258.57

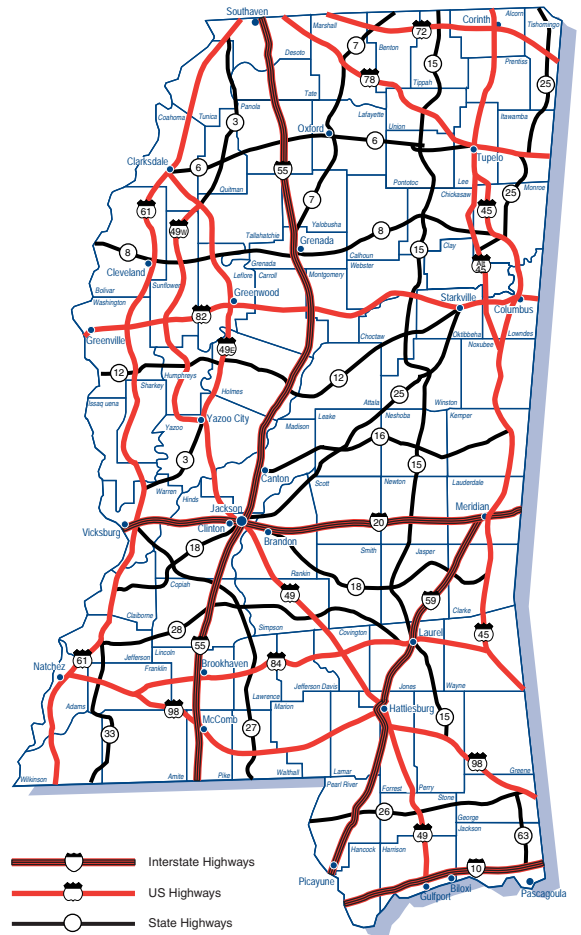
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Neshoba
County

Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

