

WALNUT GROVE, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Walnut Grove	390	394	488	495	525
Leake County	18,474	19,194	20,940	22,306	22,154

Most populated cities in Leake County:

City	2005 Population
Carthage	5,121
Walnut Grove	495
Lena	179

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	21.2 %	40 to 49	14.8 %
18 to 21	6.5 %	50 to 64	16.0 %
22 to 29	11.5 %	65 and over	15.4 %
30 to 39	14.6 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 35.7

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 Walnut Grove:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	372 miles	600 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	733 miles	1,182 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	442 miles	713 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	62 miles	100 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	204 miles	329 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	205 miles	331 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Leake County	NA	NA
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Leake County	\$407/week	\$10.18/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:

	Leake County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	8,790	177,880
Male Percentage	53%	
Female Percentage	47%	
Total Employment	8,700	167,020
Manufacturing	0	
Services & Misc.	2,408	
Total Unemployed	570	8,650
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	4.9%
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
Walnut Grove	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 4
Leake County	\$ 119	\$ 181	\$ 182

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Leake County	\$14,589	\$17,990	\$20,578

Earnings, Leake County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$177,693,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	0.0%
Services-Other	5.0%
Wholesale Trade	2.0%
Retail Trade	8.0%
Government	23.1%
Construction	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	4.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	5.2%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	0.0%
Educational Services	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	1.8%

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

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	2000	2004
Leake County	\$ 59	\$ 97	\$ 111

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Walnut Grove None

Banks with one or more branches in Walnut 1

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Walnut Grove:

MS 35,

Railroads in Walnut Grove:

None

Air Travel in Walnut Grove:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson-Evers International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 60

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:

Carthage-Leake County, Carthage

Distance (miles) 12

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

Common carriers operating in Walnut Grove 20

Walnut Grove's nearest full-service port:

Port of Vicksburg

Post Office Box 709

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1012

Distance from Walnut Grove 112 miles/181 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 Leake County 1

Number of beds 25

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Leake 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 Walnut Grove:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Walnut Grove:

Utility name	Town of Walnut Grove
Source	Wells
System capacity	360,000 gallons per day 1,364 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	18,000 gallons per day 68 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	50,000 gallons per day 189 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	310,000 gallons 1,174 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	34,000 gallons 129 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Lagoon
Percent of community served	100
Present load	50%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Walnut Grove:

Walnut Grove Gas System

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s) Carthage

Land area 585 square miles/1,516 square kilometers

County land area in commercial forests 69 %

National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Natchez Trace Parkway

State Parks:

Golden Memorial

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 LEAKE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Tyson Foods, Inc.-Carthage	1,800	Fresh and frozen poultry, young chickens (broilers and fryers), wet ice pack
Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprise #s 1,2,3	150	Automotive switch assemblies (for aftermarket of Ford Motor Co.)
HiSAN, Inc.	32	All other motor vehicle accessories, new, n.e.c.; steel tubing for brake lines, fuel lines, transmis
H & H Chief Sales, Inc.	27	Pull-type fertilizer spreaders (i.e., fertilizer distributors)
Central Snacks, Inc.	18	Snacks: pork skins, onion rings, and cracklin

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Walnut Grove

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 27.00

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:

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

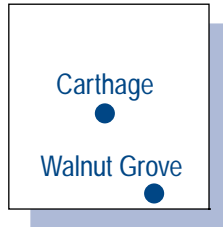
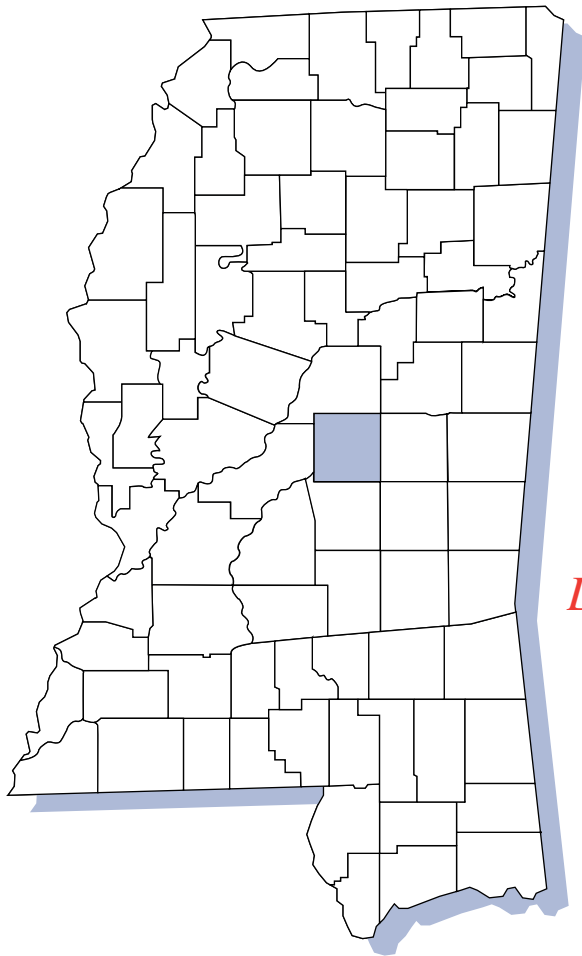
V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%), M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$92,303 millage rate 27.00

$$(\$92,303 \times 10\% \times 27.00) / 1,000 = \$249.22$$

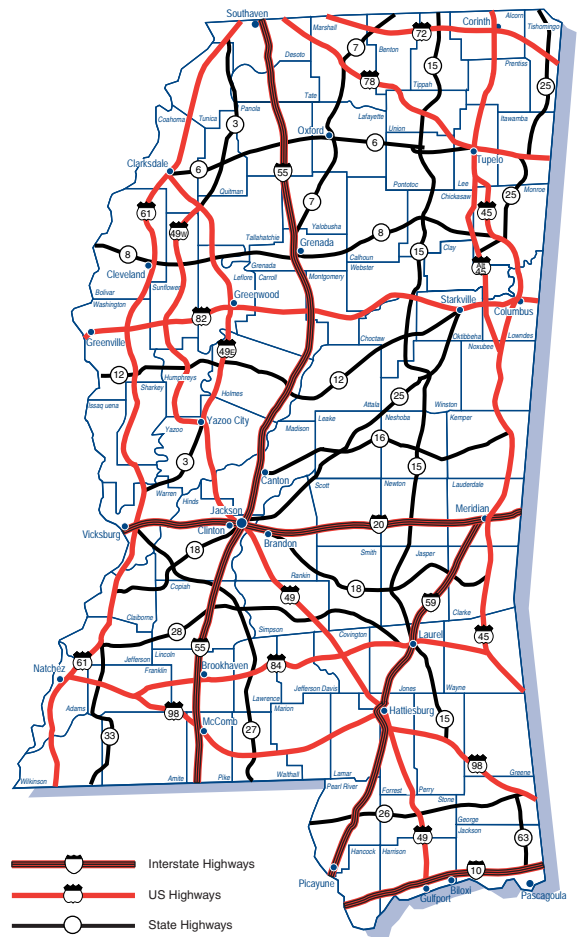
Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



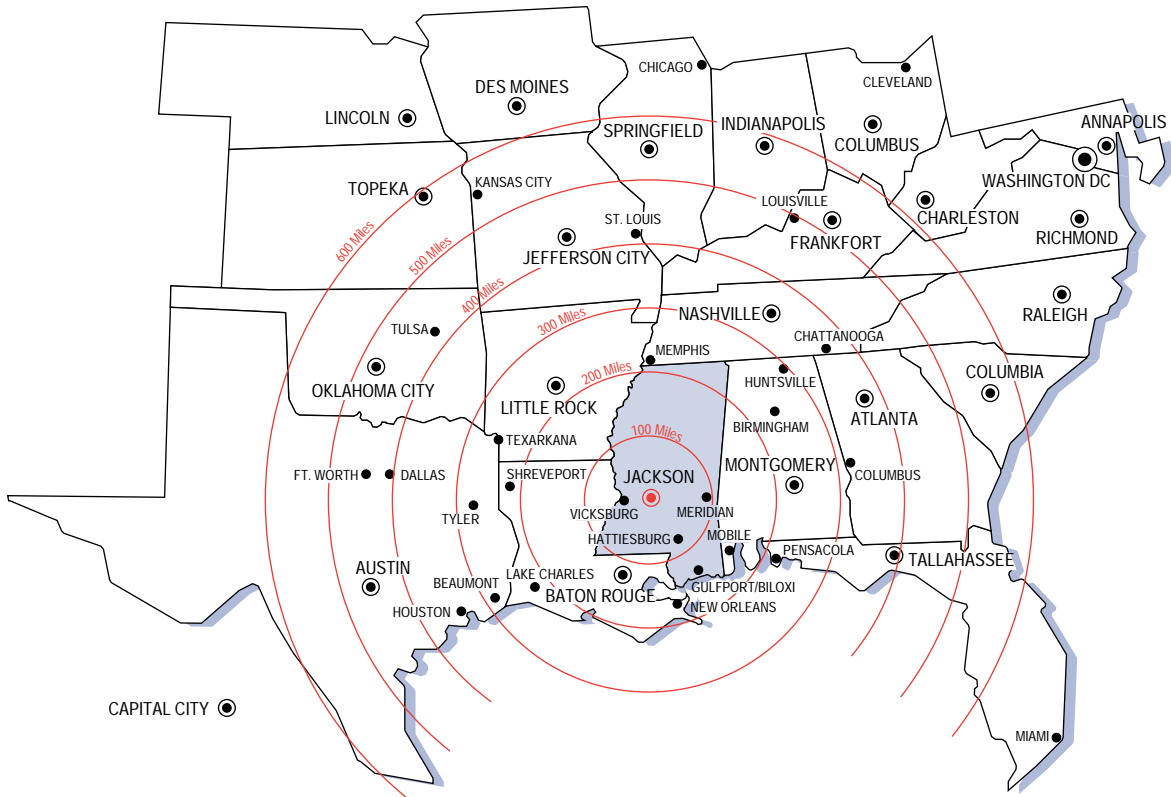
Leake County

Federal/State Highways



- Interstate Highways
- US Highways
- State Highways

Regional Map



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