

WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Waynesboro	5,145	5,247	5,197	4,653	4,389
Wayne County	19,525	19,774	21,216	21,227	21,952

Most populated cities in Wayne County:

City	2005 Population
Waynesboro	4,653
State Line	622

Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	23.4 %	40 to 49	15.3 %
18 to 21	6.3 %	50 to 64	16.6 %
22 to 29	11.2 %	65 and over	12.7 %
30 to 39	14.5 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 34.7

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 Waynesboro:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	355 miles	573 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	843 miles	1,360 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	503 miles	811 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	116 miles	187 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	294 miles	474 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	162 miles	261 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Wayne County	\$542/week	\$13.55/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

Services

Wayne County	\$390/week	\$9.75/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:

	Wayne County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	8,390	66,880
Male Percentage	56%	
Female Percentage	44%	
Total Employment	8,270	59,690
Manufacturing	896	
Services & Misc.	2,475	
Total Unemployed	610	4,120
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	6.2%
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
Waynesboro	\$ 106	\$ 123	\$ 147
Wayne County	\$ 140	\$ 210	\$ 226

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Wayne County	\$14,251	\$16,607	\$18,926

Earnings, Wayne County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$177,086,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2003:

Manufacturing	17.1%
Services-Other	7.6%
Wholesale Trade	5.8%
Retail Trade	11.1%
Government	24.6%
Construction	13.0%
Finance & Insurance	2.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	2.3%
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
Wayne County	\$ 69	\$ 104	\$ 120

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Waynesboro	1
Banks with one or more branches in	6

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Waynesboro:

MS 63
US 45,

Railroads in Waynesboro:

Meridian & Southern

Air Travel in Waynesboro:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional, Moselle

Distance (miles) 50

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:

Waynesboro Municipal, Waynesboro

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

Common carriers operating in Waynesboro 15

Waynesboro's nearest full-service port:

Demopolis Port

Alabama State Ports, P.O. Box 1588

Mobile, AL 36633

334-441-7002

Distance from Waynesboro 60 miles/97 kilometers

Name of waterway Tennessee-Tombigbee

Channel depth 40 feet/12 meters

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

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Wayne County 1

Number of beds 80

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

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Wayne 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 Waynesboro:

Mississippi Power Company

Water/sewage service in Waynesboro:

Utility name	City of Waynesboro
Source	Wells
System capacity	2,600,000 gallons per day 9,848 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	750,000 gallons per day 2,841 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	1,200,000 gallons per day 4,545 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	750,000 gallons 2,841 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	1,200,000 gallons 4,545 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	100
Present load	100

Natural gas distributor(s) in Waynesboro:

Chickasawhay Natural Gas

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Waynesboro
Land area	814 square miles/2,107 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	82 %
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 WAYNE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Jarden Consumer Solutions	551	Small electric household appliances, except fans; Electrothermal type: Blankets
Hood Industries, Inc.-Waynesboro	160	Dimension lumber, cut to size
Marshall Durbin Food Corp.-Waynesboro	150	Poultry feed: complete feed, broiler chickens
Odom Industries, Inc.	95	Formulation of agricultural chemicals: herbicidal
Quality Plywood Co., Inc.	90	Cut-to-size hardwood plywood, veneer core, type II

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Waynesboro

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 25.15

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:

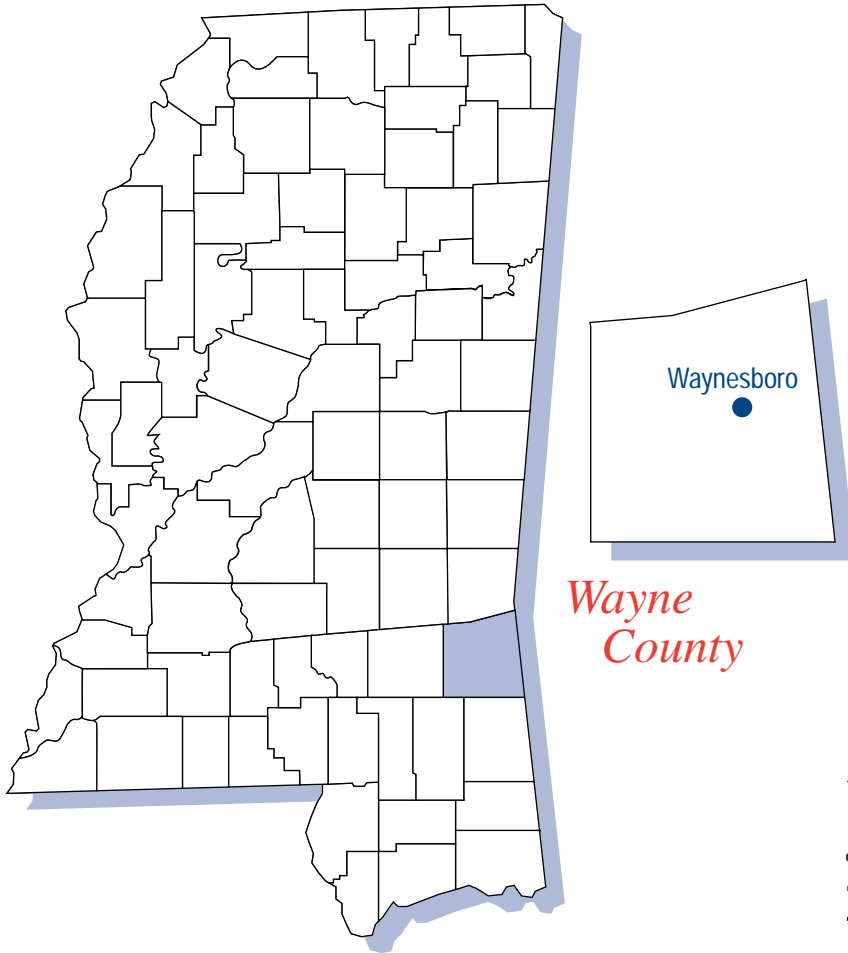
$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

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

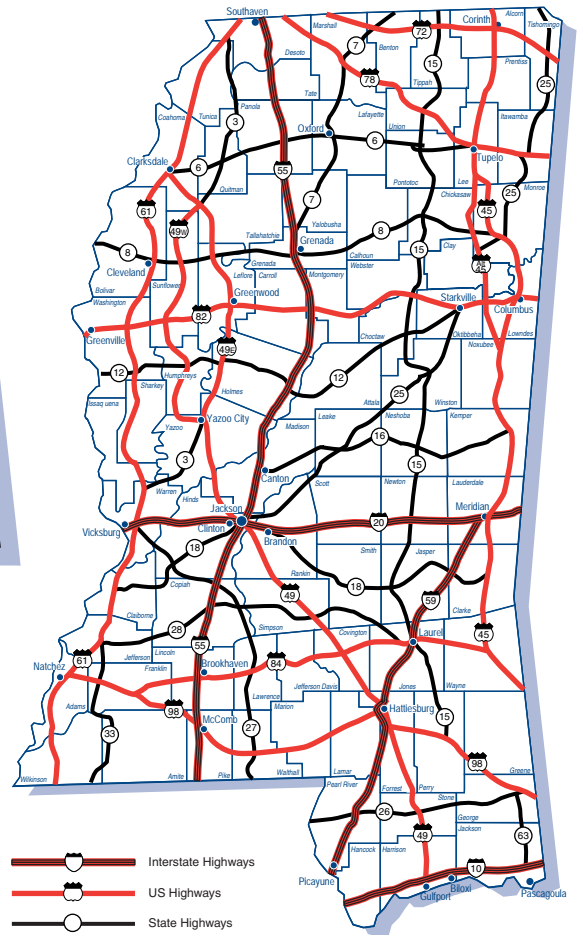
Example: Home value \$73,573 millage rate 25.15
 $(\$73,573 \times 10\% \times 25.15) / 1,000 = \185.04

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004-2005.

County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

