

# WIGGINS, MISSISSIPPI

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## POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Wiggins	3,187	3,748	3,849	3,659	3,664
Stone County	10,756	12,384	13,622	14,445	18,325

### Most populated cities in Stone County:

City	2005 Population
Wiggins	3,659

### Age breakdown of county population, 2004:

0 to 17	21.4 %	40 to 49	15.1 %
18 to 21	9.1 %	50 to 64	16.7 %
22 to 29	11.0 %	65 and over	12.0 %
30 to 39	14.8 %		

Median age of county population, 2004: 34.2

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 Wiggins:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	419 miles	676 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	847 miles	1,366 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	504 miles	813 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	127 miles	205 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	317 miles	511 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	108 miles	174 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Stone County	\$691/week	\$17.28/hour
Mississippi	\$639/week	\$15.98/hour
United States	\$920/week	\$23.00/hour

#### Services

Stone County	\$401/week	\$10.03/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:

	Stone County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	7,050	257,230
Male Percentage	55%	
Female Percentage	45%	
Total Employment	6,530	238,820
Manufacturing	618	
Services & Misc.	1,726	
Total Unemployed	380	13,980
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.4%
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
Wiggins	\$ 60	\$ 71	\$ 112
Stone County	\$ 72	\$ 94	\$ 134

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

## INCOME

### Per Capita Personal Income:

	1995	2000	2003
Stone County	\$14,179	\$16,840	\$22,053

### Earnings, Stone County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2003 \$126,560,000

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

Manufacturing	20.3%
Services-Other	5.2%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%
Retail Trade	9.8%
Government	33.5%
Construction	1.7%
Finance & Insurance	3.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	3.4%
Healthcare & Social Assistance	7.5%
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
Stone County	\$ 42	\$ 60	\$ 82

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2004.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks based in Wiggins** 2

**Banks with one or more branches in Wiggins** 4

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways in Wiggins:

MS 13,  
US 49

### Railroads in Wiggins:

Kansas City Southern

### Air Travel in Wiggins:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Gulfport-Biloxi International, Gulfport

Distance (miles) 30

Length of runway 9,000 feet/2,744 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 28

Major airlines serving the airport:

Air Trans, Continental Express, Delta/ASA, Northwest, Southeast

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Dean Griffin Memorial, Wiggins

Distance (miles) Local

Length of runway 3,000 feet/915 meters

**Common carriers operating in Wiggins area** 20

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

Port of Gulfport

Post Office Box 40

Gulfport, MS 39502

228-865-4300

Distance from Wiggins 35 miles/56 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 Stone County** 1

**Number of beds** 25

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

## EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Stone 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 Wiggins:

Mississippi Power Company

### Water/sewage service in Wiggins:

Utility name	City of Wiggins
Source	Wells
System capacity	1,440,000 gallons per day 5,455 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	720,000 gallons per day 2,727 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	870,000 gallons per day 3,295 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	250,000 gallons 947 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	638,000 gallons 2,417 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Aerated lagoon
Percent of community served	95%
Present load	55%

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

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

## COUNTY FEATURES

**County Seat(s)** Wiggins

**Land area** 448 square miles/1,161 square kilometers

**County land area in commercial forests** 80 %

### National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

DeSoto National Forest

### State Parks:

Flint Creek Water Park

**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 STONE COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Hood Industries, Inc.-Wiggins	275	Wood chips
Coastal Paper Co.	112	Printing papers
ATCO Rubber Products, Inc.	50	Flexible air conditioning ducts
DeSoto Treated Materials, Inc.	40	Treated poles and pilings
General Dynamics Armament Systems	38	Subassembly parts for Hydra 70 rockets used on military aircraft

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

## FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Wiggins

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** 43.93

**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:

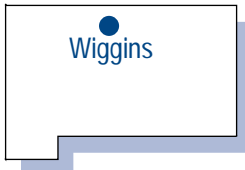
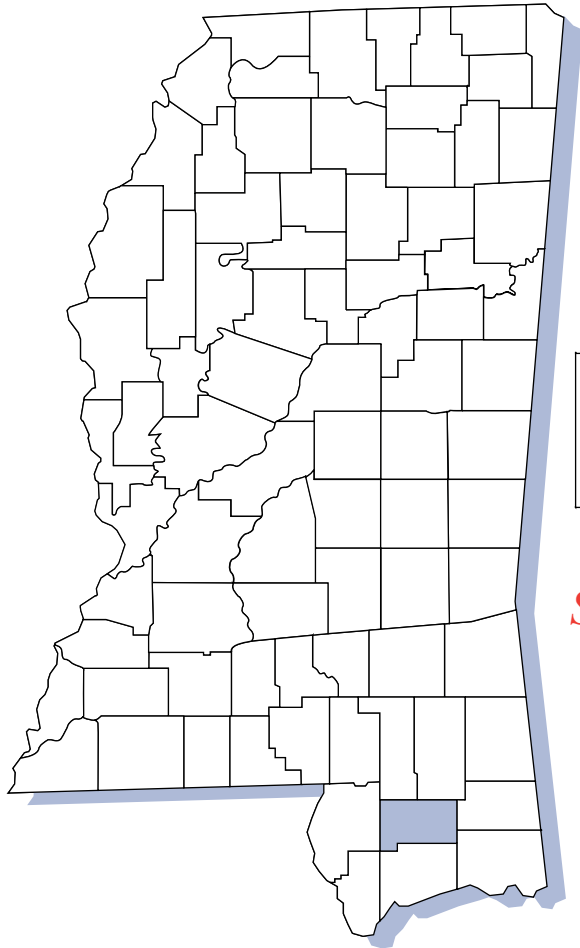
$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

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

Example: Home value \$96,226 millage rate 43.93  
 $(\$96,226 \times 10\% \times 43.93) / 1,000 = \$422.72$

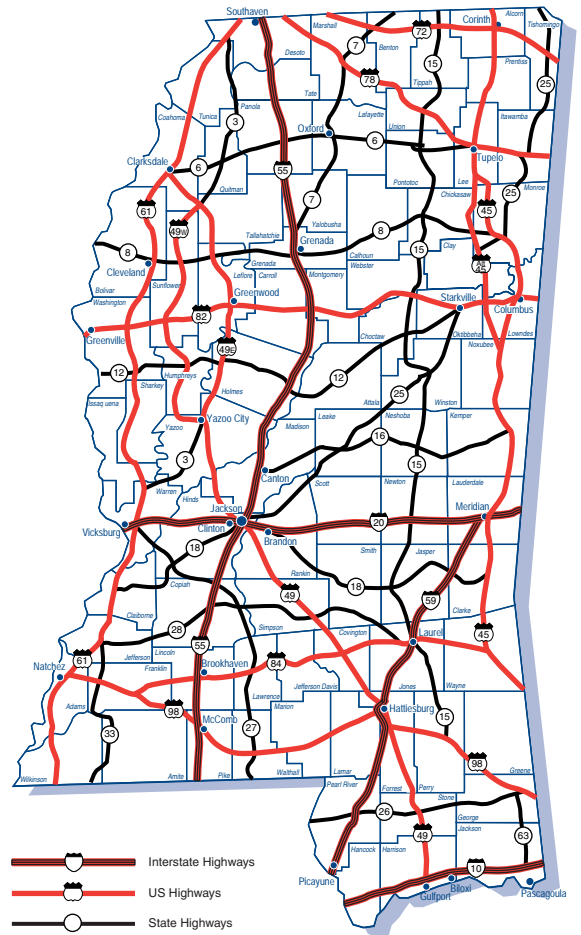
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# County Location



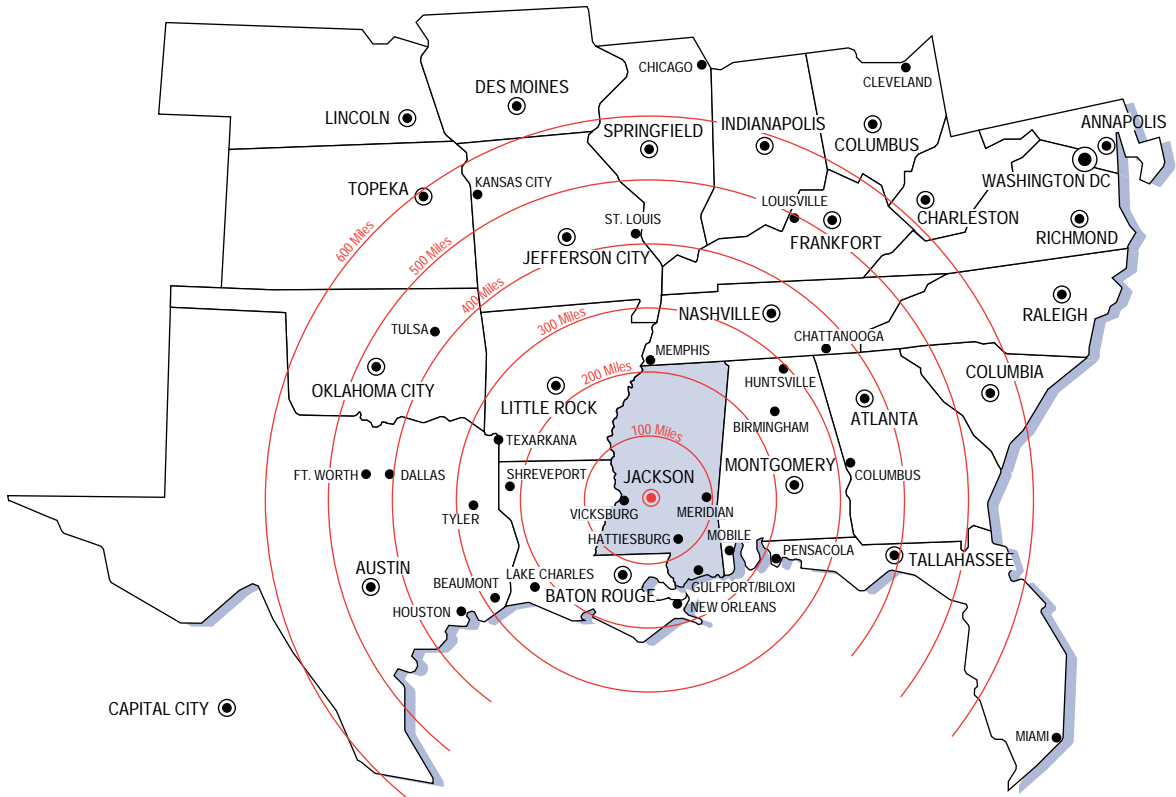
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# Federal/State Highways



- Interstate Highways
- US Highways
- State Highways

# Regional Map



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