

Subject Guide to Mississippi Statistics

To find county or city-level statistics not found in federal sources, you may need to consult state publications. Like the federal government, state agencies are responsible for compiling their own statistics. Similarly, many state agencies post their publications online. The following information will guide you through some of the more common print and electronic sources of Mississippi statistics.

General Compilations

- 📖 **County and City Data Book** [HA 202 .A36 2000 Ref] - Compiled from several federal agencies, this source contains county and city-level statistics on a number of subject areas. Contains recent data from the Census 2000 and the 1997 Economic Census. Also online at <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/ccdb.html>.
- 📖 **Handbook of Selected Data** [HC107.M7 B33 year Ref] – published occasionally by the Center for Policy Research and Planning of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL). 100-page compilation of basic demographic and economic statistics from various state and federal agencies.
- 📖 **Mississippi Statistical Abstract** [HA465 .A25 Ref] – annual publication from the Office of Business Research and Services of Mississippi State University’s College of Business and Industry. It offers more than 500 pages of statistics from local, state and federal sources, as well as their own data, on a variety of topics.
- 🔗 **State Documents Online** [<http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/reference/state-docs/online/index.html>] – find Mississippi statistics in thirteen categories.

By Subject

Agriculture

Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service [State Docs 401, online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/>] – The federal government’s local office compiles useful statistics, as well as the latest Census of Agriculture.

- **County Estimates** [<http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cehtml.htm>] – breakdown of crop estimates for each county.
- **Mississippi Ag Reports** [<http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/msagpdf1.htm>] – statewide and district-wide statistics on cotton, catfish, rice, and other crops, as compared to other states.

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce [State Docs 401, online at <http://www.mdac.state.ms.us>] – responsible for regulating and promoting agricultural products and related businesses.

- **Annual Report** [<http://www.mdac.state.ms.us/Library/Published/PublishedDocuments.html>] – overview of the department, with some selected data on what the agency accomplished in the past year.

Economics

Economic Development and Research & Planning, Institutions of Higher Learning [State Docs 251, online at <http://www.ihl.state.ms.us>] – publishes reports and statistics on the economy.

- **Mississippi Business** – monthly newsletter with statistical analysis of the economy and employment issues.
- **Mississippi Economic Review and Outlook** – semi-annual journal with statistics and analysis of various economic issues affecting Mississippi.

Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration [State Docs 160, online at <http://www.dfa.state.ms.us>] – oversees the finances of the State and the implementation of the budget.

- **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** [<http://msonline.state.ms.us/>] – report of the state’s budget, with an appendix of selected statistical data, usually going back several years as a comparison.

Economics, cont.

Mississippi Gaming Commission [<http://www.mgc.state.ms.us/>] – regulates the riverboat gambling and charitable bingo.

- **Monthly Reports** [<http://www.mgc.state.ms.us/main-reports.html>] – data on the number of slot machines and win percentages at each casino or region.
- **Quarterly Reports** [<http://www.mgc.state.ms.us/main-reports.html>] – data on each casino or region, from square footage to how much is spent on advertising.

Mississippi State Tax Commission [State Docs 181, online at <http://www.mstc.state.ms.us>] – administers and collects various tax levies for the State.

- **Annual Report** [<http://www.mstc.state.ms.us/info/stats/main.htm>] – detailed report of tax revenues, by type of tax and county.
- **Gaming Statistics** [<http://www.mstc.state.ms.us/taxareas/misc/gaming/main.htm#stats>] – data on the gross revenue of the casinos by region, back to 1992, and the amount of taxes collected by the State.

Education

Institutions of Higher Learning [State Docs 251, online at <http://www.ihl.state.ms.us>] – analysis on the 8 public universities.

- **Almanac** [http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/research/pub_00.htm] – statistics on the 8 universities, including enrollment, finances, ACT scores, and faculty salaries.
- **Fall Enrollment Fact Book** [http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/research/pub_00.htm] – selected statistics on students in the 8 public universities, including the number of students at each university by race, gender, and declared major.
- **IHL System Profile** [http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/research/pub_00.htm] – annual overview and outlook for the public university system.

Mississippi Department of Education [State Docs 201, online at <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us>] – disseminates statistics on a variety of topics for K-12 schools, from the amount of money spent in each school district to test scores.

- **Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Education** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/public.htm>] – offers an overview of the public school system, with over 150 pages of data.
- **Mississippi Report Card** [<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/public.htm>] – detailed data on each school district, as well as standardized test results for each school.
- **School Dropouts** – annual report detailing the number of dropouts in each school and the reason given.

Health

Mississippi State Department of Health [State Docs 301, online at <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/index.htm>] – promotes health information and disseminates vital statistics.

- **Annual Report** [<http://www.health.ms.gov/msdhsite/index.cfm/19,0,89,html>] – overview of the agency, with selected statistics to illustrate trends.
- **Mississippi Morbidity Newsletter** – monthly newsletter with provisional morbidity statistics by region, as well as an article analyzing a particular health issue.
- **Vital Statistics Mississippi** [<http://www.health.ms.gov/phs/statisti.htm>] – detailed statistics on births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and induced terminations, by county, race, and age.

Labor

Labor Market Information Department, Mississippi Employment Security Commission [State Docs 671, online at <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/lmi/index.html>] – disseminates information on the employment and unemployment outlook.

- **Annual Averages** [<http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/lmi/pubs/annavg.html>] – 10-year averages of the number employed in manufacturing, service, government, etc., by county.
- **Labor Market Data** [<http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/lmi/pubs/lmdata.html>] – monthly report on the number of individuals employed or unemployed, by county, metropolitan area, or region.

Transportation

Mississippi Department of Transportation [State Docs 941, online at <http://www.mdot.state.ms.us>] – plans and oversees all modes of transportation for the State: aeronautics, highways, public transit and railroads.

- **Mississippi Public Roads Selected Statistics** – detailed statistics on the number, type, and length of roads, and the amount of traffic by type of vehicle, and time of day.