

MORTON, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1993	1995	2000	2010
Morton	3,219	3,265	3,285	3,482	NA
Scott County	24,192	24,596	24,987	28,423	27,279

Most populated cities in Scott County:

City	2000 Population
Forest	5,987
Morton	3,482
Sebastopol	233

Age breakdown of county population, 2000:

0 to 17	28.6 %
18 to 24	9.6 %
25 to 44	27.9 %
45 to 64	21.4 %
65 and over	12.4 %

Median age of county population, 2000: 33.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1980, 1990, and 2000 (12/01).

LOCATION

Distance to selected cities from Morton:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	366 miles	590 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	787 miles	1,269 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	444 miles	716 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	38 miles	61 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	257 miles	415 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	190 miles	306 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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, 2000*:

Manufacturing

Scott County	\$369/week	\$9.23/hour
Mississippi	\$548/week	\$13.70/hour
United States	\$861/week	\$21.53/hour

Services

Scott County	\$388/week	\$9.70/hour
Mississippi	\$464/week	\$11.60/hour
United States	\$647/week	\$16.18/hour

*All rates include management personnel.

Source: County data-Mississippi Employment Security Commission, 2000 Covered Employment and Wages (10/01); Mississippi and U.S. data-U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2000

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average, 2000:	Scott County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	12,760	163,370
Male Percentage	53%	
Female Percentage	47%	
Total Employment	12,230	157,200
Manufacturing	5,960	
Services & Misc.	1,420	
Total Unemployed	530	6,170
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.8%
U.S.	4.0%	
Mississippi	5.7%	

12 Month Moving Average, December 2001:

Labor Force	12,160
Total Employment	11,630
Total Unemployed	530
Unemployment Rate	4.4%

*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties.

Source: Mississippi Employment Security Commission 2000 LMI for Affirmative Action (05/01), 2000 Annual Averages (10/01), and December 2001 Running Averages (02/02), 2000 Annual Average data from neighboring states.

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1990	1995	2001
Morton	\$ 26	\$ 29	\$ 30
Scott County	\$ 154	\$ 193	\$ 193

Source: State Tax Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Years Ending June 1990, 1995, 2001 (12/01).

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1990	1995	1999
Scott County	\$11,545	\$16,198	\$20,105

Earnings, Scott County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 1999	\$380,826
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Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 1999:

Manufacturing	33.3%
Services	10.5%
Wholesale Trade	3.1%
Retail Trade	7.2%
Government	10.6%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1999 Data (02/02).

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Scott County	\$ 91	\$ 96	\$ 94	\$ 98	\$ 105

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 1995 through 1999.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Morton 1

Banks with branches in Morton 1

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Financial Institutions Directory, 2000.

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Scott 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.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Morton:

MS 13, MS 481
US 80
I-20

Railroads in Morton:

Kansas City Southern

Air Travel in Morton:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 35

Length of runway 8,500 feet/2,591 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 46

Major airlines serving the airport:

American Eagle, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, TWExpress, United Express

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

G.V. Sonny Montgomery, Forest

Distance (miles) 10

Length of runway 3,600 feet/1,098 meters

Common carriers operating in Morton area 22

Morton's nearest full-service port:

Port of Vicksburg

Post Office Box 709

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1012

Distance from Morton 85 miles/137 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, 2001.

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Scott County 2

Number of beds 77

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, 1999.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity distributor(s) in Morton:

Entergy, Southern Pine EPA

Water/sewage service in Morton:

Utility name	City of Morton
Source	Wells
System capacity	2,800,000 gallons per day 10,606 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	1,500,000 gallons per day 5,682 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	1,800,000 gallons per day 6,818 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	675,000 gallons 2,557 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	3,150,000 gallons 11,932 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Activated sludge
Percent of community served	100
Present load	55%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Morton:

Entex

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s)	Forest
Land area	610 square miles/1,580 square kilometers
County land area in commercial forests	66 %
National Parks/Historic Landmarks:	None

State Parks:

Roosevelt
Ross Barnett Reservoir

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 SCOTT COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Koch Foods, Inc.	1,382	Food and kindred products
Tyson Foods, Inc.	973	Food and kindred products
Koch Foods, Inc.	830	Food and kindred products
Peco Foods of Mississippi, Inc.	660	Food and kindred products
Raytheon Electronic Systems CMC	606	Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments; photographic, medical and optical goods; watches and clocks

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, July 2002.

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Morton Class 8

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, 2000.

COST OF HOUSING

Average Selling Price of Homes, 1998:

MAR, Jackson area	\$102,999
Mississippi	\$92,303

Source: Mississippi Association of Realtors (MAR) and/or Warren County Realtors Association, 1999.

PROPERTY TAX

Average county millage 96.13

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 \$102,999 millage rate 92.50
(\$102,999 x 10% x 92.50) / 1,000 = \$952.74

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2001-2002 (02/02).

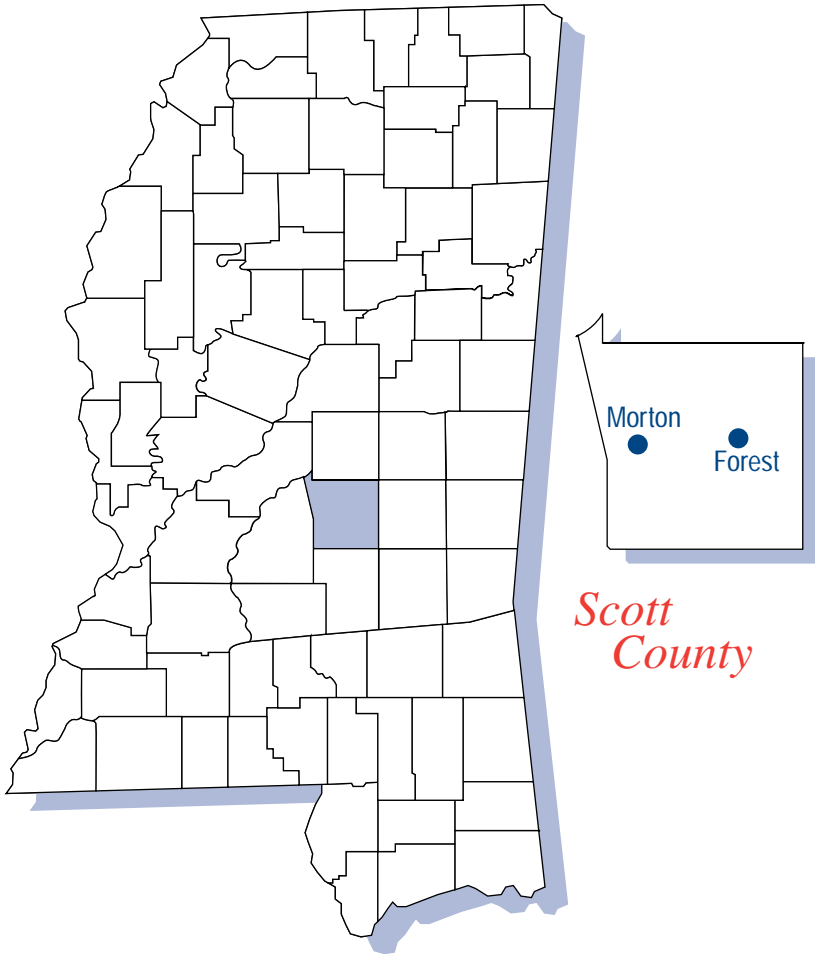
CONSTRUCTION COSTS

R.S. Means Construction Cost Data Indexes are available for ten Mississippi locations:

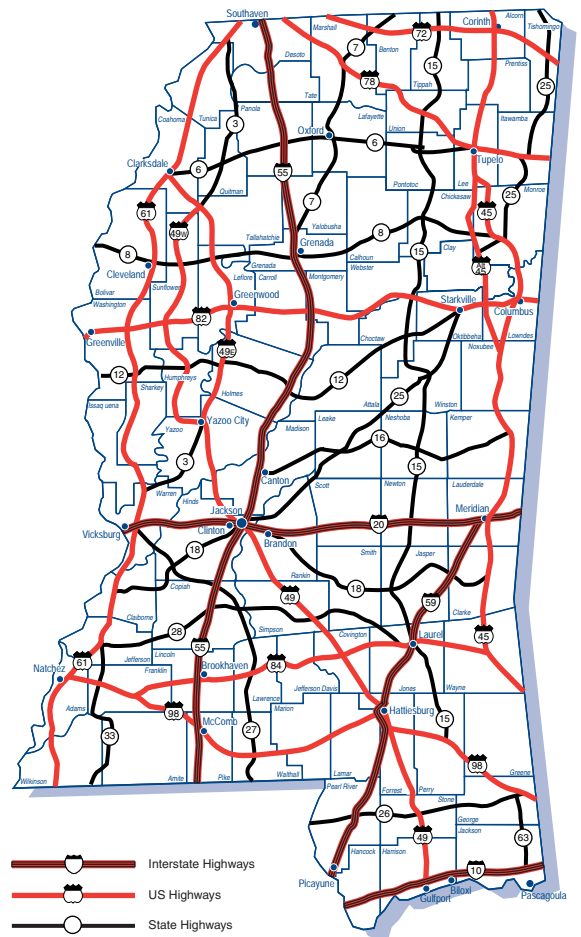
	Residential	Commercial
Biloxi	0.86	0.82
Clarksdale	0.71	0.67
Columbus	0.72	0.73
Greenville	0.82	0.78
Greenwood	0.73	0.69
Jackson	0.82	0.78
Laurel	0.73	0.70
McComb	0.69	0.68
Meridian	0.77	0.76
Tupelo	0.72	0.73
United States Average	1.00	1.00

Source: R.S. Means Company, Inc., Square Foot Cost Book, Location Factors for Mississippi, 2000.

County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

