



FORREST COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

76,274
POPULATION

0.4%

POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE
GROWTH RATE

WORKFORCE

36,721 COUNTY LABOR FORCE
44,559 TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY
4.4% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(Seasonally Adjusted)

AVERAGE
COMMUTE TIME
21.2
MINUTES

AVERAGE WAGE
\$39,984

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE
\$43,414

COST OF LIVING INDEX

FORREST COUNTY	80.1
HATTIESBURG MSA	82.8
MISSISSIPPI	83.8
U.S. = 100	



\$37,017
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



27.3%
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO
WORK STATE**

3.5%
private union membership

\$3.7 BILLION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, Health Care and Social Assistance, contributed 18.4% to the 2016 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



FOOD
MANUFACTURING



COAL/OIL/POWER



EDUCATION



HEALTH



WOOD/PAPER

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

			# OF EMPLOYEES
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS	4-Year University	4,500
Forrest General Health Services, Inc.	Hattiesburg, MS	General Medical and Surgical Hospital	+4,000
Wesley Health System, LLC	Hattiesburg, MS	Skilled Nursing Facilities	+1,500
Hood Companies, Inc.	Hattiesburg, MS	Manufacturing	1,300
Channel Control Merchants, LLC	Hattiesburg, MS	Distribution	750