



# JONES COUNTY

## MISSISSIPPI

 **68,313**  
POPULATION

**0.2%** POPULATION ANNUAL AVERAGE  
**GROWTH RATE** 

### WORKFORCE

**29,127** COUNTY LABOR FORCE  
**34,736** TOTAL EMPLOYED IN COUNTY  
**4.8%** UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

AVERAGE  
COMMUTE TIME  
 **21.6**  
MINUTES


AVERAGE WAGE  
**\$37,547**

AVERAGE MANUFACTURING WAGE  
**\$42,568**

### COST OF LIVING INDEX

JONES COUNTY		<b>76.8</b>
HATTIESBURG MSA		<b>82.8</b>
MISSISSIPPI		<b>83.8</b>
U.S. = 100		

 **\$37,846**  
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

 **23.7%**  
POVERTY RATE

**RIGHT TO  
WORK STATE**  
**3.5%**  
private union membership

## \$2.6 BILLION

### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

The largest contributing sector, manufacturing, contributed 26.9% to the 2016 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the county.

### LARGEST INDUSTRY CLUSTERS



ELECTRIC/  
ELECTRONICS  
MANUFACTURING



COAL/OIL/POWER



FOOD  
MANUFACTURING



WOOD/PAPER



UTILITIES

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

			# OF EMP
Howard Industries	Ellisville, MS	Transformer/Transport/Ballast/PC Manufacturing	4,000
South Central Regional Medical Center	Laurel, MS	Healthcare	2,023
Jones County Schools	Jones County	Education	1,185
Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Headquarters)	Laurel, MS	Poultry Processing	1,100
Ellisville State School	Ellisville, MS	Healthcare	1,098