

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

*I never wanted to fit in. I
wanted to stand out.*

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MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1541:** Hernando de Soto, Spanish explorer, discovers the Mississippi River.
- 1673:** Father Jacques Marquette, a French missionary, and fur trapper, Louis Joliet, begin exploration of the Mississippi River on May 17.
- 1699:** First European settlement in Mississippi is established at Fort Maurepas, in present-day Ocean Springs, by Frenchmen Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and his brother, Jean Baptiste de Bienville.
- 1716:** Bienville establishes Fort Rosalie on the site of present-day Natchez.
- 1718:** Enslaved Africans are brought to Mississippi by the Company of the West.
- 1719:** Capital of the Louisiana colony moves from Mobile to New Biloxi, present-day Biloxi.
- 1729:** The Natchez massacre French settlers at Fort Rosalie in an effort to drive out Europeans. Hundreds of slaves were set free.
- 1754:** French and Indian War begins.
- 1763:** Treaty of Paris ends the French and Indian War with France giving up land east of the Mississippi, except for New Orleans, to England.
- 1775:** The American Revolution begins with many loyalists fleeing to British West Florida, which included the southern half of present-day Mississippi.
- 1779-1797:** Period of Spanish Dominion with Manuel Gayosa de Lemos chosen governor of the Natchez region.
- 1795:** Cotton gin, developed by Eli Whitney in 1793, is introduced to the Natchez regions, boosting cotton production in Mississippi and increasing reliance on slave labor.
- 1798:** Spain evacuates Natchez, ending the Spanish colonial period of Mississippi history. On April 7, Congress established the Mississippi Territory including portions of present-day Alabama and Mississippi. The territory is governed by a ruling council of a governor, secretary and three judges.
- 1800:** Benjamin Stokes begins publication of the *Mississippi Gazette*.
- 1801:** The General Assembly (Legislature) for the Mississippi Territory meets for the first time. Also, the Choctaw Nation cedes more than 2 million acres in the Treaty of Fort Adams, giving the federal government the right to construct the Natchez Trace from Natchez to Nashville.
- 1802:** General Assembly moves territorial capital from Natchez to Washington, six miles east.
- 1803:** France and the U.S. sign the Louisiana Purchase, adding more than 800,000 square miles of the entire Louisiana colony to the U.S. for \$15 million.
- 1806:** Six Baptist churches establish the Mississippi Baptist Association.
- 1809:** The Bank of Mississippi is established in Natchez.
- 1811:** New Madrid earthquakes rock the Mississippi Valley, destroying towns, forming new lakes and causing the Mississippi River to flow backward.

- 1817:** President James Monroe signs enabling act admitting Mississippi to the Union. Assembled in Washington, MS, 48 delegates drafted the state's first constitution, concentrating power in the hands of white property owners and members of the militia.
- 1817:** On December 10th, Mississippi becomes the 20th state admitted to the Union. Natchez is designated as the state capital, and territorial governor, David Holmes, is elected Mississippi's first governor.
- 1820:** Andrew Jackson and Thomas Hinds negotiate the Treaty of Doak's Stand, with the Choctaws ceding more than 5 million acres, one-third of their remaining lands in Mississippi.
- 1821:** Franklin Academy, Mississippi's first free public school, opens in Columbus.
- 1821:** Jackson is established as the state capital after Thomas Hinds, William Lattimore and Peter Van Dorn recommended LeFleur's Bluff on the Pearl River. The Legislature ordered the three commissioners to survey the new city, named after General Andrew Jackson.
- 1822:** Mississippi Legislators meet for the first time in the first state-owned capitol, a two-story brick building at the corner of President and Capitol streets. The Legislature adopts the "Poindexter Code," prepared by Governor George Poindexter. It has served as the model for subsequent editions of the Mississippi Code.
- 1825:** Gerard C. Brandon becomes the first Mississippi native to serve as governor.
- 1826:** Hampstead Academy is chartered. Now Mississippi College, the Clinton school is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi.
- 1827:** Frontiersman Jim Bowie duels near Natchez in a conflict to become known as the Sandbar Fight.
- 1830:** Greenwood Leflore, who signed the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, becomes chief of the Choctaw Nation. He becomes a successful planter and state senator.
- 1831:** First railroad is chartered by the Mississippi Legislature. The West Feliciana Railroad runs 26 miles from Woodville to the Mississippi River, enabling efficient transport of cotton from inland areas to the river.
- 1832:** Mississippi's second constitution reflects rise of Jeffersonian Democracy and is strongly influenced by democratic reforms associated with President Andrew Jackson. It removes the restriction limiting suffrage to property owners, providing all public officials, including judges to be popularly elected and removing property qualifications and abolishing life tenure for office holders.
- 1833:** Slave traders rent property for a slave market at Forks of the Road, located just outside Natchez.
- 1834:** Cornerstone is laid for new State House, now known as the Old Capitol.
- 1838:** Boundary line is established between Mississippi and Tennessee.
- 1839:** Legislature meets for the first time in (Old) Capitol in Jackson, passing the Mississippi Women's Property Act protecting the property ownership rights of women.

- 1840:** The first state penitentiary is built in Jackson on the site now occupied by the State Capitol building. Railroad line linking Jackson and Vicksburg is completed, providing a major economic boost to growth in the capital city; work on the State Capitol is completed.
- 1842:** Governor's Mansion is completed with Gov. Tilghman M. Tucker becoming the state's first chief executive to occupy the dwelling on Capitol Street.
- 1845:** Natchez establishes the state's first public school system.
- 1846:** Legislature passes a statewide public school law and funded schools by a special tax to be levied by the county boards of police.
- 1848:** Hutchinson's Mississippi Code is published. The Legislature purchases 2,000 copies of the complete compilation of the laws of Mississippi.
- 1848:** The Mississippi School for the Blind, the nation's first state-supported institution for the handicapped, is established. Also, the State Lunatic Asylum is established in Jackson.
- 1850:** Levee system begins when Mississippi receives title to more than three million acres of swamp and overflow land along its northwestern border with the Mississippi River. At this point, only 310 miles of levees had been built along the river, allowing for expanded cotton production in the Delta.
- 1857:** State Agricultural Bureau is established.
- 1858:** B.L.C. Wailes, a Natchez planter, legislator and historian, incorporates the Historical Society of Mississippi to preserve state archives. Also, the first Mississippi State Fair is sponsored by the Mississippi Agricultural Bureau and the Mississippi Agricultural Society.
- 1859:** Mississippi becomes the leading cotton producer in the nation.
- 1861:** Delegates to the January Secession Convention in Jackson vote 84-15 to leave the Union, becoming the second state to do so. State troops occupy the unfinished U.S. fort on Ship Island. Mississippi's delegation withdraws from the U.S. Congress and the Army of Mississippi is organized. Mississippi joins the Confederate States of America. On April 12, Civil War begins.
- 1862:** Union forces take control of Corinth, the Battle of Shiloh ends in Union victory, and Natchez surrenders to the U.S. Navy. U.S.S. Cairo is sunk in the Yazoo River. Confederates capture Holly Springs, forcing Grant's army to retreat back to Memphis.
- 1863:** Union lays siege to Vicksburg. Union forces victorious in Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson and Champion Hill.
- 1865:** Mississippi Legislature passes the Black Code, a forerunner to the more formal Jim Crow "separate but equal" laws of the 20th century. Mississippi refuses to ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, and the Freedmen's Bureau is created to provide assistance and aid for the transition from a life of slavery.
- 1866:** Congress refuses to seat Mississippi's delegation because of the state's adoption of the Black Code. It is repealed. Women of Columbus decorate both Union and Confederate soldiers' graves, a gesture said to have evolved into Memorial Day to recognize fallen soldiers.

- 1868:** Mississippi's first bi-racial constitution convention – the “Black and Tan” Convention – drafts a constitution protecting the rights of former slaves and punishing ex-Confederates. It is rejected by Mississippi voters.
- 1868:** The Mississippi Constitution of 1868, drafted by a second convention with black participation, establishes a statewide public school system, set the educable age of children as 5 to 21, and protected the voting and civil rights of former slaves. It is ratified in 1869.
- 1870:** Hiram R. Revels becomes the first African American seated in the U.S. Senate. Mississippi is readmitted into the Union.
- 1875:** The Mississippi Plan is enacted by Mississippi Democrats to overthrow Republican rule through intimidation, violence and paramilitary groups. It spurs the Counter-revolution of 1875 in response to passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1875 by Congress.
- 1877:** The Mississippi Legislature establishes the State Board of Health.
- 1878:** Yellow fever epidemic sweeps through Mississippi with more than 16,000 cases reported and more than 4,000 deaths. Vicksburg alone marks 1,149 deaths.
- 1886:** Mississippi State Legislature passes the “Local Option Law” allowing counties to decide by election if they want to prohibit the sale of alcohol.
- 1887:** Isaiah T. Montgomery founds Mound Bayou, an independent African American town, in Bolivar County.
- 1888:** Mississippi enacts “Jim Crow” laws establishing racial segregation by law in all public facilities.
- 1890:** Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is adopted. It institutes poll taxes and literacy tests, keeping most African Americans and many poor whites from voting.
- 1890:** Windsor, the largest antebellum mansion built in Mississippi, burns. The Grand Opera House opens in Meridian with the first performance, *The Gypsy Baron* by Johann Strauss, presented entirely in German.
- 1894:** Legislature adopts the official state flag of Mississippi, replacing the Magnolia flag. Coca-Cola is first bottled by Joseph A. Biedenharn in Vicksburg.
- 1901:** Mississippi Legislature purchases land in Sunflower County and construction begins of the new Mississippi State Penitentiary. It is operated and known as Parchman Farm, named after its first warden, J.M. Parchman. Construction also begins on a new state capitol building in Jackson on the site of the former state penitentiary.
- 1904:** Mississippi's timber boom begins, relying mostly on long-leaf yellow pine in the southern half of the state. Mississippi becomes third in the U.S. in lumber production. New towns grow along rail lines around lumber mills.
- 1907:** Boll weevils decimate Mississippi's cotton crop.
- 1908:** Legislature outlaws the sale and importation of liquor, as well as enacts child labor reforms that establish the 10-hour work day, 58-hour work week and prohibit children under 12 from working in factories. Mississippi becomes the third largest shrimp producer in the U.S. Also, Stein Mart opens as a general merchandise store in Greenville. Mississippi's first Mardi Gras parade is held in Biloxi with 17 floats.

- 1909:** Mississippi's first Carnegie public library opens in Houston and the first Parent Teacher Association chapter is founded in Crystal Springs. Mississippian Ida B. Wells helps found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Meridian acquires the Dentzel Carousel, originally built for the 1904 St. Louis Exposition. Prohibition goes into effect in Mississippi.
- 1910:** "Secret Caucus of 1910" elects LeRoy Percy senator over James K. Vardaman after Theodore Bilbo accepted a bribe in order to prove that Vardaman's opponents were bribing legislators.
- 1912:** Mississippi River flooding kills 200 people and causes more than \$45 million in damages.
- 1914:** Mississippi's first paved road – 11½ miles of Hwy. 45 – is built out of concrete in Lee County.
- 1917:** Camp Shelby opens in Hattiesburg to train troops for World War I. The Payne Flying Field is established in West Point as a training center for pilots learning how to fly the "Jenny" planes. Mississippi ratifies Woodrow Wilson's April 2 declaration of war on Germany.
- 1919:** First Jitney Jungle grocery store opens in Jackson.
- 1921:** U.S. purchases land for the Mississippi Choctaw reservation.
- 1922:** Legislature authorizes the nation's first junior college system by establishing Pearl River Junior College and Hinds County Junior College.
- 1923:** Nellie Nugent Somerville is the first woman elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives.
- 1924:** Belle Kearney of Madison County is elected to the state Senate, the first woman to hold that position. Masonite Corporation is founded in Laurel.
- 1925:** Lieutenant Gov. Dennis Murphree launches the "Know Mississippi Better Train" to carry representatives of the state, exhibits of Mississippi resources, literature, and public speakers across the U.S. to promote Mississippi to the outside world.
- 1927:** Mississippi River floods 3 million acres of Delta land, displacing 700,000 people and killing hundreds. Declared the worst natural disaster in American history, it flooded 2,000 miles in 170 counties across seven states.
- 1929:** Mississippi's first commercial airfield, Hawkins Field, opens for passenger air service in Jackson. Delta Air Service operates the first passenger flights from Dallas to Jackson.
- 1930:** William Faulkner buys Rowan Oak in Oxford and publishes *As I Lay Dying*.
- 1930:** Legislature passes the Stansel Act, which calls for a primary road system of not more than 2,000 miles to connect county seats, principal highways of adjoining states, state institutions and other places in the state with a population of 500 or more. It also reduces the number of highway commissioners from eight to three.
- 1932:** Natchez Garden Club holds the first Natchez Pilgrimage. A state sales tax of 2% goes into effect on retail goods pulling the state out of a \$13 million deficit to replenish the state treasury with a \$3 million surplus by 1936.
- 1934:** Tupelo becomes the first city to receive electricity under the Tennessee Valley Authority's wholesale power contract.

- 1936:** State Legislature passes “Balance Agriculture with Industry” legislation authorizing local governments to issue bonds to attract industry.
- 1938:** Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation comes to Pascagoula and becomes the largest industry in Mississippi during World War II.
- 1939:** Oil is discovered in Mississippi near Tinsley, about 40 miles northwest of Jackson.
- 1942:** Federal government moves town of Coldwater as part of Arkabutla Lake development. Cap Van Dorn in Centreville opens as U.S. Army training facility. It later served as a prisoner of war camp before closing in 1945.
- 1944:** First cotton crop is produced without hand labor at Hopson Planting Company near Clarksdale. Machines planted and chopped the cotton, then eight International Harvesters harvested it.
- 1945:** Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council is organized and adopts constitution and by-laws, which are then approved of U.S. Department of the Interior.
- 1946:** U.S. Senate investigates and censures Senator Theodore Bilbo for allegations of accepting bribes from defense contractors during World War II. After withdrawing from the Senate due to the charges, Bilbo died of cancer in 1947. John Stennis is elected to fill his Senate seat.
- 1947:** Nella Massey Bailey is elected state tax collector, becoming the first woman to win statewide office. She is reelected in 1951 and 1955.
- 1948:** Dixiecrats, also known as the State’s Rights Democratic Party which opposed racial integrations, breaks away from the Democratic party.
- 1949:** Burnita Shelton Matthews of Hazlehurst is appointed to U.S. District Court, the first woman in U.S. history appointed as a federal judge.
- 1949:** William Grant Still of Woodville debuts his opera, *Troubled Island*, in New York City. He is the first African American to conduct a symphony orchestra, to have a symphony of his own performed by a leading orchestra, and to have an opera performed on national television.
- 1950:** William Faulkner receives the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- 1953:** WJTV Channel 25, the state’s first television station, goes on the air. The first broadcast is the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- 1954:** Robert Patterson from Sunflower County forms the first Citizens’ Council with 14 members.
- 1955:** Tennessee Williams wins Pulitzer Prize for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.
- 1955:** Emmett Till, 14, is murdered for allegedly whistling at a white woman.
- 1956:** Senator James O. Eastland co-authors the “Southern Manifesto” calling for massive resistance to Supreme Court desegregation rulings. The Legislature created the Sovereignty Commission to preserve segregations and act as a clearinghouse for information on civil rights activities and legislation.
- 1956:** Elvis Presley posts first #1 hit, *Heartbreak Hotel*, on the Billboard chart.
- 1959:** Miss Mississippi Mary Ann Mobley wins the Miss America title. Lynda Lee Mead wins the title in 1960.

- 1960:** Dr. Gilbert Mason leads a “wade-in” demonstration to integrate the public beaches in Biloxi Beach.
- 1961:** Freedom Riders are arrested immediately after arriving at the Greyhound and Trailways bus stations, the Illinois Central train station and the municipal airport at Hawkins Field. Instead of paying a \$200 fine, they remain in jail for 39 days, eventually being sent to Parchman to serve out their sentences.
- 1962:** James Meredith enrolls at the University of Mississippi, beginning the end of segregation in Mississippi’s public universities and colleges.
- 1963:** Dr. James Hardy leads world’s first human lung transplant operation at the University Medical Center. In 1964, he leads the world’s first heart transplant at UMMC.
- 1963:** Medgar Evers, field secretary of the NAACP, is assassinated in the driveway of his west Jackson home. Tougaloo College students begin sit-ins at Woolworth’s in Jackson, and more than 400 students are arrested and held at the Mississippi Fairgrounds after the first mass protest march in Jackson.
- 1964:** Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is formed, challenging the all-white state delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City. Also, journalist Hazel Brannon Smith, editor and publisher of the *Lexington Advertiser*, wins the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.
- 1964:** James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner are killed outside Philadelphia during Freedom Summer voter registration activities.
- 1965:** U.S. Department of Justice files suit against Mississippi for the use of poll tax, and the House Un-American Activities Committee opens hearings on the Ku Klux Klan, calling Byron de la Beckwith and Klan Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers of Laurel to testify.
- 1969:** Hurricane Camille hits the Mississippi Gulf Coast, killing 259 people and causing \$1.42 billion in damages.
- 1970:** Most Mississippi public schools desegregate. Mississippi Public Television begins broadcasting and two Jackson State students are killed at a Vietnam War protest.
- 1972:** Work begins on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to link the port at Mobile to ports on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.
- 1973:** Eudora Welty wins the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *The Optimist’s Daughter*. Governor William Waller vetoes funding for the Sovereignty Commission, which then, in response, votes to seal its files. Senate concurs in 1977, sending the records to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History until July 1, 2027.
- 1978:** Sixteenth Section Lands and Lieu Lands Act is passed, transferring control from county boards of supervisors to local boards of education, and requiring fair-market rental value on those lands.
- 1979:** Easter Flood covers much of downtown Jackson as well as other towns along the Pearl River.
- 1980:** Lenore Prather becomes first woman appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court.
- 1982:** Governor William Winter calls special legislative session for adoption of Education Reform Act.

- 1984:** Governor Bill Allain implements a massive program of governmental reorganization.
- 1985:** Judge Reuben Anderson becomes the first black Supreme Court Justice in Mississippi.
- 1989:** Mississippian Richard H. Truly becomes first astronaut to head NASA.
- 1990:** Mississippi Gaming Control Act is passed by Legislature, allowing casinos on navigable waterways if local voters approve. Hancock County becomes first county to approve dockside gambling. First casinos open in 1992.
- 1993:** Congressman Mike Espy becomes U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the first African American to serve in the post. Also, Haley Barbour becomes Republican National Committee chairman, serving from 1993 to 1997.
- 1994:** Byron de la Beckwith is convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of Medgar Evers.
- 1995:** Oseola McCarty, a laundress, donates \$150,000 to University of Southern Mississippi for scholarships.
- 2000:** Nissan announces plans to build a plant in Madison County. It opens in 2003.
- 2005:** Natchez Trace Parkway is completed, extending from Natchez to Nashville as a scenic drive and a U.S. Registered Historic District.
- 2005:** Hurricane Katrina devastates the Mississippi Gulf Coast, leaving 238 Mississippians dead and 67 missing. Damages are estimated at \$75 billion.
- 2009:** Former Governor Ray Mabus is appointed Secretary of the Navy. He had served as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1994 to 1996.
- 2011:** Toyota plant opens in Blue Springs near Tupelo.
- 2014:** First election is held in Mississippi requiring voters to present an acceptable photo identification card at the polls in order to vote is held.
- 2017:** The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum open in celebration of the state's bicentennial.
- 2019:** Senator Thad Cochran dies in May of 2019. Cochran served seven terms in the U.S. Senate and was the 10th longest-serving senator in history. Cochran used his influence atop the Appropriations Committee to steer billions to Mississippi, especially after it was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was the first Republican in more than 100 years to win a statewide election in Mississippi.
- 2020:** The Mississippi state flag is voted to be removed with House Bill 1796 on June 28. It is then re-signed on June 30. A ceremony is held on July 1 to officially take it down. The new flag is voted on in the general election on Nov. 3.
- 2021:** The new Mississippi state flag is approved by the Legislature on Jan. 6 and re-signed on Jan. 11.
- 2022:** The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ending the constitutional right to an abortion.
- 2022:** Steve Azar's "One Mississippi" becomes the official state song, replacing "Go, Mississippi."
- 2024:** Madison County secured the single largest economic development project in state history from Amazon Web Services (AWS) with a planned \$10 billion capital investment.

HISTORICAL ROSTER OF STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Territorial Governors (1798-1817)

Winthrop Sargent.....	1798-1801
William C.C. Claiborne.....	1801-1805
Robert Williams.....	1805-1809
David Holmes.....	1809-1817
David Holmes.....	1826
Gerard Chittocque Brandon ...	1826-1832
Abram M. Scott.....	1832-1833
Charles Lynch.....	1833
Hiram G. Runnels.....	1833-1835
John Anthony Quitman.....	1835-1836
Charles Lynch.....	1836-1838
Alexander Gallatin McNutt.....	1838-1842
Tilghman Mayfield Tucker.....	1842-1844
Albert Gallatin Brown.....	1844-1848
Joseph W. Matthews.....	1848-1850
John Anthony Quitman.....	1850-1851
John Isaac Guion.....	1851
James Whitfield.....	1851-1852
Henry Stuart Foote.....	1852-1854
John Jones Pettus.....	1854
John J. McRae.....	1854-1857
William McWillie.....	1857-1859
John Jones Pettus.....	1859-1863
Charles Clark.....	1863-1865
William Lewis Sharkey.....	1865
Benjamin Grubb Humphreys ..	1865-1868
Adelbert Ames.....	1868-1870
James Lusk Alcorn.....	1870-1871
Ridgley Ceylon Powers.....	1871-1874
Adelbert Ames.....	1874-1876
John Marshall Stone.....	1876-1882
Robert Lowry.....	1882-1890
John Marshall Stone.....	1890-1896
Anselm Joseph McLaurin.....	1896-1900
Andrew Houston Longino.....	1900-1904
James Kimble Vardaman.....	1904-1908
Edmond Favor Noel.....	1908-1912
Earl LeRoy Brewer.....	1912-1916
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo.....	1916-1920
Lee Maurice Russell.....	1920-1924
Henry Lewis Whitfield.....	1924-1927
Dennis Murphree.....	1927-1928
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo.....	1928-1932
Martin S. (Mike) Conner.....	1932-1936

Governors (1817-2024)

David Holmes.....	1817-1820
George Poindexter.....	1820-1822
Walter Leake.....	1822-1825
Gerard Chittocque Brandon ...	1825-1826
Hugh Lawson White.....	1936-1940
Paul Burney Johnson, Sr.....	1940-1943
Dennis Murphree.....	1943-1944
Thomas Lowry Bailey.....	1944-1946
Fielding L. Wright.....	1946-1952
Hugh Lawson White.....	1952-1956
James Plemon (J.P.) Coleman .	1956-1960
Ross Robert Barnett.....	1960-1964
Paul Burney Johnson, Jr.	1964-1968
John Bell Williams.....	1968-1972
William Lowe (Bill) Waller, Sr..	1972-1976
Charles Clifton (Cliff) Finch ...	1976-1980
William Forrest Winter.....	1980-1984
William A. (Bill) Allain.....	1984-1988
Ray Mabus.....	1988-1992
Daniel Kirkwood (Kirk) Fordice .	1992-2000
Ronnie Musgrove.....	2000-2004
Haley Barbour.....	2004-2012
Phil Bryant.....	2012-2020
Tate Reeves.....	2020-present

Lieutenant Governors (1817-1832)

Duncan Stewart.....	1817-1820
James Patton.....	1820-1822
David Dickson.....	1822-1824
Gerard Chittocque Brandon ...	1824-1826
Abram M. Scott.....	1828-1832
Fountain Winston.....	1832
<i>The Office of Lieutenant Governor was abolished by the Constitution of 1832, and the duties of President of the Senate were incorporated into a separate office.</i>	

Presidents of the Senate (1833-1870)

Charles Lynch.....	1833-1834
P. Briscoe.....	1834-1836
W. Van Norman.....	1836-1837
Alexander Gallatin McNutt.....	1837-1838
A.L. Bingaman.....	1838-1840
G.B. Augustus.....	1840-1842
Jesse Speight.....	1842-1843

A. Fox.....	1843-1844
Jesse Speight	1844-1846
G.T. Swan	1846-1848
Dabney Lipscomb.....	1848-1851
James Whitfield.....	1851-1854
John J. Pettus	1854-1858
James Drane.....	1858-1865
John M. Simonton	1865-1869

The Constitution of 1869 re-established the office of Lieutenant Governor. This office also re-assumed the duties of President of the Senate.

Lieutenant Governors (1870-2024)

Ridgley C. Powers.....	1870-1871
A.K. Davis.....	1871-1876
John M. Stone.....	1876-1878
William H. Sims.....	1878-1882
G.D. Shands	1882-1890
M.M. Evans	1890-1896
J.H. Jones.....	1896-1900
James T. Harrison	1900-1904
John Prentiss Carter.....	1904-1908
Luther Manship.....	1908-1912
Theodore Gilmore Bilbo	1912-1916
Lee Maurice Russell.....	1916-1920
Homer Harris Casteel	1920-1924
Dennis Murphree.....	1924-1927
Clayton Bidwell Adams	1928-1932
Dennis Murphree.....	1932-1936
Jacob Buehler Snider.....	1936-1940
Dennis Murphree.....	1940-1943
Fielding L. Wright.....	1944-1946
Sam Lumpkin	1948-1952
Carroll Gartin	1952-1960
Paul Burney Johnson, Jr.	1960-1964
Carroll Gartin	1964-1966
Charles L. Sullivan	1968-1972
William Forrest Winter.....	1972-1976
Evelyn Gandy	1976-1980
Bradford Johnson (Brad) Dye, Jr.	1980-1992
Eddie Briggs.....	1992-1996
Ronnie Musgrove	1996-2000
Amy Tuck	2000-2008
Phil Bryant	2008-2012
Tate Reeves.....	2012-2020
Delbert Hosemann	2020-present

Territorial Secretaries (1798-1817)

John Steele	1798-1801
Cato West	1803-1805
Thomas Hill Williams	1805
Cowles Mead	1806-1807
Thomas H. Williams.....	1807-1809
Henry Dangerfield.....	1810-1814
Nathaniel A. Ware.....	1815-1816

Secretaries of State (1817-2024)

Daniel Williams	1817-1821
John A. Grimball.....	1821-1833
D.C. Dickson	1833-1835
Barry W. Benson.....	1835-1837
David Dickson	1837-1839
T.B. Woodward	1839-1841
L.G. Galloway.....	1841-1843
Wilson Hemingway.....	1843-1847
Samuel Stamps.....	1847-1850
Joseph Bell.....	1850-1852
James A. Horne.....	1852-1854
William H. Muse.....	1854-1855
A.B. Dilworth	1855-1860
B.R. Webb.....	1860
C.A. Brougher	1860-1865
A. Warner.....	1865-1869
Henry Musgrove	1869
James Lynch.....	1869-1872
Hiram R. Revels	1872-1873
H.C. Carter.....	1873
M.M. McLeod.....	1873
H.C. Carter.....	1873-1874
James Hill	1874-1878
Kinloch Falconer.....	1878
D.P. Porter	1878
Henry C. Myers	1878-1886
George M. Govan.....	1886-1896
John Logan Power	1896-1901
Joseph Withers Power.....	1901-1926
Walker Wood	1926-1948
Heber Austin Ladner	1948-1980
Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman	1980-1984
Dick Molpus	1984-1996
Eric Clark	1996-2008
Delbert Hosemann	2008-2020
Michael Watson.....	2020-present

**Territorial Treasurers General
(1802-1817)**

Abner Green
Samuel Brooks

State Treasurers (1817-2024)

Samuel Brooks 1817-1818
 Peter Schuyler 1818-1821
 Samuel C. Wooldridge 1821-1828
 James Phillips, Jr. 1828-1836
 Charles C. Mayson 1836-1838
 James Phillips 1838
 J.A. Vanhoesen 1838-1839
 Silas Brown 1839
 S. Craig 1839
 James G. Williams 1839
 Joshua S. Curtis 1840-1841
 Richard S. Graves 1841-1843
 William Clark 1843-1847
 Richard Griffith 1847-1851
 William Clark 1851-1854
 Shields L. Hussey 1854-1860
 M.D. Haynes 1860-1865
 W.B. Weaver 1865
 John H. Echols 1865-1869
 William H. Vassar 1869-1874
 G.H. Holland 1874-1875
 M.L. Holland 1875
 William L. Hemingway 1875-1890
 J.J. Evans 1890-1896
 A.Q. May 1896-1900
 J.R. Stowers 1900-1901
 George W. Carlisle 1901-1902
 Thad B. Lampton 1902-1904
 William Jones Miller 1904-1908
 George Robert Edwards 1908-1912
 Peter Simpson Stovall 1912-1916
 John Peroutt Taylor 1916-1920
 Larkin Seymour Rodgers 1920
 William Moseley Murry 1920-1924
 Ben Shem Lowry 1924-1928
 Webb Walley 1928-1932
 Lewis S. May 1932-1936
 Newton James 1936-1940
 Lewis S. May 1940-1944
 Newton James 1944-1948
 R.W. May 1948-1952
 Newton James 1952-1956

Robert D. Morrow, Sr. 1956-1960
 Evelyn Gandy 1960-1964
 William Forrest Winter 1964-1968
 Evelyn Gandy 1968-1972
 Bradford Johnson (Brad) Dye, Jr. 1972-1976
 Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman 1976-1980
 John L. Dale 1980
 William J. (Bill) Cole III 1980-1988
 Marshall G. Bennett 1988-2003
 Peyton Prospere 2003-2004
 Tate Reeves 2004-2012
 Lynn Fitch 2012-2020
 David McRae 2020-present

Territorial Auditors (1798-1817)

Charles B. Howell
Beverly R. Grayson
Park Walton

State Auditors (1817-2024)

John R. Girault 1817-1821
 John Richards 1821-1822
 Hiram G. Runnels 1822-1830
 Thomas B.J. Hadley 1830-1833
 John H. Mallory 1833-1837
 A.B. Saunders 1837-1842
 J.E. Matthews 1842-1847
 George T. Swann 1847-1851
 Daniel R. Russell 1851-1855
 Madison McAfee 1855-1859
 E.R. Burt 1859-1861
 A.B. Dilworth 1861-1862
 A.J. Gillespie 1862-1865
 Thomas T. Swann 1865-1869
 Henry Musgrove 1869-1874
 William H. Gibbs 1874-1878
 Sylvester Gwin 1878-1886
 W.W. Stone 1886-1896
 W.D. Holder 1896-1900
 William Qualls Cole 1900-1904
 T.M. Henry 1904-1908
 Elias Jefferson Smith 1908-1912
 Duncan Lafayette Thompson .. 1912-1916
 Robert A. Wilson 1916-1920
 W.J. Miller 1920-1924
 George Dumah Riley 1924-1928
 C.C. White 1928-1932
 Joe S. Price 1932-1936

Carl N. Craig.....	1936-1940
J.M. Causey.....	1940-1944
Bert J. Barnett.....	1944-1948
Carl N. Craig.....	1948-1952
William Donelson Neal.....	1952-1956
E. Boyd Golding.....	1956-1960
William Donelson Neal.....	1960-1964
William Hampton King.....	1964-1984
Ray Mabus.....	1984-1988
Pete Johnson.....	1988-1992
Steven A. Patterson.....	1992-1996
Phil Bryant.....	1996-2008
Stacey Pickering.....	2008-2018
Shad White.....	2018-present

**Territorial Attorneys General
(1799-1817)**

Lyman Harding.....	1799-1803
George Poindexter.....	1803-1807
Seth Lewis, West District.....	1807-1808
William B. Shields, West District..	1808-1814
Christopher Rankin, West District	1814-1817
Nicholas Perkins, East District	1807-1809
Lemuel Henry, East District.....	1809-1812
Joseph Carson, East District.....	1812-1817
Louis Winston, Madison County	1809-1817

Attorneys General (1818-2024)

Lyman Harding.....	1818-1820
Edward Turner.....	1820-1821
Thomas B. Reed.....	1821-1825
Richard Stockton.....	1825-1828
George Adams.....	1828-1829
Robert H. Buckner.....	1829-1830
R.M. Gaines.....	1830-1834
M.D. Patton.....	1834-1837
T.F. Collins.....	1837-1841
John D. Freeman.....	1841-1853
D.C. Glenn.....	1853-1857
T.J. Wharton.....	1857-1865
Charles E. Hooker.....	1865-1868
Jasper Myers.....	1868-1870
Joshua S. Morris.....	1870-1874
George E. Harris.....	1874-1878
Thomas C. Catchings.....	1878-1885
Thomas S. Ford.....	1885-1886
T. Marshall Miller.....	1886-1893

Frank Johnston.....	1893-1896
Wiley N. Nash.....	1896-1900
Monroe McClurg.....	1900-1903
William Williams.....	1903-1907
Robert Virgil Fletcher.....	1907-1908
J. Bowman Sterling.....	1908-1910
Shepherd Spencer Hudson.....	1910-1912
Rosser Alexander Collins.....	1912-1920
Frank Roberson.....	1920-1923
C.D. Potter.....	1923-1924
Rush Hightower Knox.....	1924-1928
George T. Mitchell.....	1928-1932
Greek L. Rice.....	1932-1952
James Plemon (J.P.) Coleman.....	1952-1956
Joseph Turner Patterson.....	1956-1969
Albioun Fernando Summer.....	1969-1980
William A. (Bill) Allain.....	1980-1984
Edwin Lloyd (Ed) Pittman.....	1984-1988
Mike Moore.....	1988-2004
Jim Hood.....	2004-2020
Lynn Fitch.....	2020-present

**Commissioners of Insurance
(1902-2024)**

William Qualls Cole.....	1902-1908
Thomas Monroe Henry.....	1908-1928
Ben Shem Lowry.....	1928-1932
George D. Riley.....	1932-1935
J.H. Johnson.....	1935-1936
J.S. Williams.....	1936-1944
Jesse L. White.....	1944-1952
Walter Dell Davis.....	1952-1972
Evelyn Gandy.....	1972-1976
George Dale.....	1976-2008
Mike Chaney.....	2008-present

**Territorial Registers of the Land
Office (1803-1817)**

Edward Turner, west of Pearl River.....	1803
Joseph Chambers, east of Pearl River.....	1804
Henry Dangerfield, west of Pearl River..	1804
Thomas Fitzpatrick, west of Pearl River ..	1804
Thomas H. Williams, west of Pearl River	1805
Nicholas Perkins, east of Pearl River.....	1806
Nicholas Gray, west of Pearl River.....	1815
Alexander Pope, Mississippi.....	1817

Land Commissioners (1877-1980)

John M. Smylie.....	1877-1884
P.M. Doherty.....	1884-1886
John R. Enochs.....	1886-1888
J.W. McMaster.....	1888-1890
Edgar S. Wilson.....	1890-1896
John M. Simonton.....	1896-1898
Edwin Hargrove Nall.....	1898-1909
James Lewis Gillespie.....	1909-1912
Mark Anthony Brown.....	1912-1921
R.D. Moore.....	1921-1940
Guy McCullen.....	1940-1948
W.L. McGahey.....	1948-1956
Robert Earl Graham.....	1956-1968
Watt Carter.....	1968-1976
John Ed Ainsworth.....	1976-1980

The office of Land Commissioner was abolished by the Legislature in 1980, and its duties were assumed by the Secretary of State's Office.

Commissioners of Agriculture and Commerce (1906-2024)

Henry Edward Blakeslee.....	1906-1916
Peter Parley Garner.....	1916-1928
J.C. Holton.....	1928-1940
Silas Edward Corley.....	1940-1968
Jim Buck Ross.....	1968-1996
Lester Spell.....	1996-2012
Cindy Hyde-Smith.....	2012-2020
Andy Gipson.....	2020-present

HISTORICAL ROSTER OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS

Presidents Pro Tempore of the Senate (1817-1832)

Presidents Pro Tempore of the Mississippi Senate under provisions of the 1817 Constitution:

H.D. Owens, 1 st Session, 2 nd Gen. Assembly, 1819
Joseph Johnson, 3 rd Session
Thomas Torrance, 5 th Session, Adjourned, 1822
Thomas Torrance, 6 th Session, 1822-1823
Bartley C. Barry, 8 th Session, 1825
Thomas Freeland, 9 th Session, 1826
William Dowsing, 11 th Session, 1828
Parmenas Briscoe, 15 th Session, 1831

The Office of Lieutenant Governor was abolished by the Constitution of 1832, and was again established by the Constitution of 1869. The 1832 Constitution of the State of Mississippi stated that "the Senate shall choose a president and its officers."

Presidents Pro Tempore of the Senate (1833-2024)

Charles Lynch.....	1833-1834
P. Briscoe.....	1834-1836
W. Van Norman.....	1836-1837
A.G. McNutt.....	1837-1838
A.L. Bingham.....	1838-1840
G.B. Augustus.....	1840-1842
Jesse Speight.....	1842-1843
G.T. Swan.....	1846-1848
Dabney Lipscomb.....	1848-1851
James Whitfield.....	1851-1854
J.J. Pettus.....	1854-1858
James Drane.....	1858-1865
J.M. Simonton.....	1865-1869
W.M. Hancock.....	1870
Joseph Bennett.....	1872
F.H. Little.....	1872*
<i>*elected presiding officer Pro Tempore to serve in absence of President Pro Tempore</i>	
F.H. Little.....	1874
John M. Stone.....	1875*
<i>*elected President Pro Tempore of Senate June 3, 1875; installed as Governor on March 29, 1876</i>	
William H. Sims.....	1876*
<i>*elected President Pro Tempore, March 29, 1876</i>	
Reuben O. Reynolds.....	1878
Reuben O. Reynolds.....	1882
Reuben O. Reynolds.....	1884
Reuben O. Reynolds.....	1886
J.P. Walker.....	1888
R.A. Dean.....	1890
R.A. Dean.....	1892
J.T. Harrison.....	1896
J.R. Densmore.....	1900
E.H. Moore.....	1904
John L. Hebron.....	1908
A.C. Anderson.....	1912
C. Kendrick.....	1916
J.D. Fatheree.....	1920
M.P.L. Love.....	1924
H.H. Casteel.....	1928
W.C. Adams.....	1932
John Culkin.....	1936
W.B. Roberts.....	1940
Oscar O. Wolfe, Jr.....	1944
Oscar O. Wolfe, Jr.....	1948

J.O. Clark.....	1952
Earl Evans, Jr.	1956
George Yarbrough	1960
George Yarbrough	1964
Merle F. Palmer.....	1968
Marion Smith	1971
B.G. Perry.....	1972
William B. Alexander	1976
William B. Alexander	1980
Thomas N. Brooks	1984
Glen S. Deweese	1986
Glen S. Deweese	1988
Ollie Mohammed	1992
Walter (Pud) Graham.....	1994
Thomas A. Gollott	1996
Travis L. Little.....	2000
Travis L. Little.....	2004
William G. Hewes III.....	2008
Terry W. Brown	2012
Giles Ward.....	2015
Terry C. Burton.....	2016
Gray Tollison.....	2019
Dean Kirby.....	2020
Dean Kirby.....	2024

R.W. Roberts.....	1842-1844
J.L. Totten.....	1844-1846
James Whitfield.....	1846-1848
John J. McRae.....	1848-1852
William S. Patton.....	1852-1854
Hiram Cassedy.....	1854-1856
William S. Barry.....	1856-1858
James L. Autry	1858-1859
J.A.P. Campbell.....	1859-1861
William A. Lake	1861-1862
J.P. Scales.....	1862-1863
Lock E. Houston.....	1863-1865
S.J. Gholson	1865-1870
F.E. Franklin.....	1870-1871
H.W. Warren	1871-1872
John R. Lynch.....	1872-1873
H.M. Street	1873-1874
I.D. Shad.....	1874-1876
H.M. Street	1876-1878
W.A. Percy.....	1878-1880
B.F. Johns.....	1880-1882
W.H.H. Tison.....	1882-1884
W.M. Inge	1884-1886
J.H. Sharpe	1886-1888
C.B. Mitchel.....	1888-1890
J.S. Madison	1890-1892
H.M. Street	1892-1894
J.K. Vardaman	1894-1896
J.F. McCool.....	1896-1900
A.J. Russell	1900-1902
Emmet Thomas.....	1904-1908
Hugh M. Street.....	1908-1912
Hillrie M. Quin.....	1912-1916
Martin S. Connor	1916-1924
Thomas L. Bailey	1924-1936
Horace Stansel	1936-1936
Fielding Wright	1936-1940
Samuel Lumpkin	1940-1944
Walter Sillers.....	1944-1966
John R. Junkin	1966-1976
C.B. Newman.....	1976-1988
Tim Ford.....	1988-2004
William J. McCoy	2004-2012
Philip Gunn	2012-2023
Jason White	2024-Present

Speakers of the House of Representatives (1817-2024)

Thomas A. Barnes.....	1817-1819
Edward Turner.....	1819-1821
B.R. Grayson.....	1821-1822
G.C. Brandon.....	1822-1823
Cowles Mead	1823-1827
I.R. Nicholson.....	1827-1829
C.B. Greene.....	1829-1830
W.L. Sharkey.....	1830-1831
Joseph Dunbar	1831-1832
M.P. Degraffenreid.....	1832-1833
David Pembel.....	1833-1834
A.L. Bingaman.....	1834-1836
John Irvin.....	1836-1837
William Vannerson	1837-1838
J.W. King	1838-1840
Jesse Speight	1840-1841
J.A. Ventress.....	1841-1842

LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES

Jan. 1875—Mar. 1875	Jan. 4, 1944—Mar. 31, 1944	Dec. 6, 1982—Dec. 21, 1982
July 1875—July 1875	Nov. 2, 1944—Nov. 3, 1944	Jan. 4, 1983—Apr. 21, 1983
Jan. 1876—Apr. 1876	Jan. 8, 1946—Apr. 10, 1946	June 24, 1983—June 24, 1983
Jan. 1877—Feb. 1877	Mar. 4, 1947—Mar. 15, 1947	Nov. 16, 1983—Nov. 19, 1983
Jan. 1878—Mar. 1878	Nov. 12, 1947—Nov. 15, 1947	Jan. 3, 1984—May 15, 1984
Jan. 1880—Mar. 1880	Jan. 6, 1948—Apr. 14, 1948	June 25, 1984—June 27, 1984
Jan. 1882—Mar. 1882	Nov. 14, 1949—Dec. 17, 1949	Jan. 8, 1985—Apr. 11, 1985
Jan. 1884—Mar. 1884	Jan. 3, 1950—Apr. 20, 1950	Jan. 7, 1986—Apr. 15, 1986
Jan. 1886—Mar. 1886	Jan. 8, 1952—Apr. 17, 1952	May 28, 1986—June 1, 1986
Jan. 1888—Mar. 1888	Nov. 3, 1953—Dec. 28, 1953	Jan. 6, 1987—Apr. 5, 1987
Jan. 1890—Feb. 1890	Jan. 5, 1954—May 6, 1954	Aug. 27, 1987—Aug. 29, 1987
Jan. 1892—Apr. 1892	Sept. 7, 1954—Sept. 30, 1954	Jan. 5, 1988—May 8, 1988
Jan. 1894—Feb. 1894	Jan. 11, 1955—Apr. 7, 1955	Aug. 10, 1988—Aug. 16, 1988
Jan. 1896—Mar. 1896	Jan. 3, 1956—Apr. 6, 1956	Jan. 3, 1989—Apr. 10, 1989
Apr. 1897—May 1897	Nov. 5, 1957—Dec. 14, 1957	Apr. 17, 1989—Apr. 19, 1989
Jan. 1898—Feb. 1898	Jan. 7, 1958—May 10, 1958	Jan. 2, 1990—Apr. 14, 1990
Jan. 1900—Mar. 1900	Dec. 2, 1959—Dec. 24, 1959	June 18, 1990—June 30, 1990
Jan. 1902—Mar. 1902	Jan. 5, 1960—May 11, 1960	Jan. 8, 1991—May 6, 1991
Jan. 1904—Mar. 1904	Aug. 23, 1961—Aug. 25, 1961	Dec. 18, 1991—Dec. 20, 1991
Jan. 1906—Apr. 1906	Oct. 17, 1961—Oct. 21, 1961	Jan. 7, 1992—May 12, 1992
Jan. 1908—Mar. 1908	Jan. 2, 1962—June 2, 1962	Sept. 16, 1992—Sept. 16, 1992
Jan. 1910—Apr. 1910	Sept. 18, 1962—Oct. 6, 1962	Jan. 5, 1993—Apr. 4, 1993
Nov. 1911—Nov. 1911	Nov. 13, 1962—Dec. 21, 1962	Jan. 4, 1994—Apr. 3, 1994
Jan. 1912—Mar. 1912	Feb. 25, 1963—Mar. 2, 1963	Aug. 15, 1994—Aug. 23, 1994
June 1913—June 1913	Jan. 7, 1964—June 12, 1964	Jan. 3, 1995—Apr. 11, 1995
Jan. 1914—Mar. 1914	June 23, 1964—July 15, 1964	Jan. 2, 1996—Apr. 19, 1996
Jan. 1916—Apr. 1916	June 14, 1965—July 10, 1965	July 11, 1996—July 11, 1996
Sept. 1917—Oct. 1917	Jan. 4, 1966—June 17, 1966	Oct. 11, 1996—Oct. 11, 1996
Jan. 1918—Mar. 1918	Nov. 9, 1966—Jan. 6, 1967	Jan. 7, 1997—Apr. 10, 1997
Jan. 1920—Apr. 1920	June 20, 1967—June 30, 1967	Apr. 23, 1997—Apr. 23, 1997
Jan. 1922—Apr. 1922	Jan. 2, 1968—Aug. 9, 1968	Jan. 6, 1998—Apr. 5, 1998
Jan. 1924—Apr. 1924	July 22, 1969—Oct. 11, 1969	Jan. 4, 1999—Apr. 4, 1999
Jan. 1926—Mar. 1926	Jan. 6, 1970—Apr. 6, 1970	July 22, 1999—July 22, 1999
Jan. 1928—Apr. 1928	Jan. 5, 1971—Apr. 5, 1971	Jan. 4, 2000—May 7, 2000
Oct. 1928—Dec. 1928	Jan. 4, 1972—May 9, 1972	June 29, 2000—June 29, 2000
June 1929—Sept. 1929	Jan. 2, 1973—Apr. 1973	Aug. 28, 2000—Aug. 28, 2000
Jan. 1930—May 1930	Jan. 8, 1974—Apr. 7, 1974	Aug. 30, 2000—Aug. 30, 2000
Sept. 1931—Oct. 1931	Jan. 7, 1975—Apr. 6, 1975	Nov. 6, 2000—Nov. 6, 2000
Jan. 1932—May 1932	Jan. 6, 1976—May 9, 1976	Jan. 2, 2001—Mar. 30, 2001
Dec. 1932—Dec. 1932	June 18, 1976—June 20, 1976	July 23, 2001—July 23, 2001
Jan. 1934—Apr. 1934	Jan. 4, 1977—Apr. 3, 1977	Nov. 1, 2001—Nov. 7, 2001
Oct. 1935—Dec. 1935	Aug. 12, 1977—Aug. 13, 1977	Jan. 8, 2002—Apr. 12, 2002
Jan. 1936—Mar. 1936	Jan. 3, 1978—Apr. 7, 1978	June 21, 2002—June 21, 2002
Sept. 1936—Sept. 1936	Jan. 2, 1979—Apr. 1, 1979	July 30, 2002—July 30, 2002
Nov. 1936—Dec. 1936	May 1, 1979—May 3, 1979	Sept. 5, 2002—Nov. 26, 2002
Jan. 1938—Apr. 1938	Jan. 8, 1980—May 11, 1980	Jan. 7, 2003—Apr. 16, 2003
July 1938—Aug. 1938	Jan. 6, 1981—Apr. 8, 1981	Jan. 6, 2004—May 9, 2004
Jan. 1940—May 1940	Aug. 25, 1981—Aug. 27, 1981	May 19, 2004—June 30, 2004
Jan. 6, 1942—Mar. 23, 1942	Jan. 5, 1982—Apr. 10, 1982	Nov. 8, 2004—Nov. 22, 2004

Jan. 4, 2005—Apr. 6, 2005
 Mar. 12, 2005—Mar. 13, 2005
 May 18, 2005—May 27, 2005
 June 28, 2005—July 2, 2005
 July 15, 2005—July 15, 2005
 Jan. 3, 2006—Apr. 25, 2006
 Aug. 24, 2006—Sept. 13, 2006
 Oct. 5, 2006—Oct. 5, 2006
 Jan. 2, 2007—Apr. 25, 2007
 Apr. 27, 2007—May 18, 2007
 Jan. 8, 2008—May 12, 2008
 May 21, 2008—Aug. 21, 2008
 Jan. 6, 2009—June 3, 2009

May 7, 2009—May 7, 2009
 June 2, 2009—June 30, 2009
 July 10, 2009—July 10, 2009
 Jan. 5, 2010—Apr. 28, 2010
 Jan. 4, 2011—Apr. 7, 2011
 Jan. 3, 2012—May 3, 2012
 Jan. 8, 2013—Apr. 4, 2013
 Apr. 26, 2013—Apr. 26, 2013
 June 27, 2013—June 28, 2013
 Jan. 7, 2014—Apr. 6, 2014
 Apr. 2, 2014—Apr. 2, 2014
 May 8, 2014—May 8, 2014
 Jan. 6, 2015—Apr. 5, 2015

Jan. 5, 2016—Apr. 24, 2016
 Feb. 4, 2016—Feb. 4, 2016
 June 28, 2016—June 29, 2016
 Jan. 3, 2017—Apr. 2, 2017
 Jan. 2, 2018—March 28, 2018
 Aug. 23, 2018—Aug. 23, 2018
 Jan. 8, 2019—March 29, 2019
 Jan. 7, 2020—Oct. 10, 2020
 Jan. 5, 2021—Apr. 1, 2021
 Jan. 4, 2022—Apr. 5, 2022
 Jan. 3, 2023—Apr. 6, 2023
 Jan. 2, 2024—May 5, 2024



HISTORICAL CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

YEAR	RESIDENT NUMBER OF POPULATION	REPRESENTATIVES
2020.....	2,961,279.....	4
2010.....	2,967,297.....	4
2000.....	2,844,658.....	4
1990.....	2,573,216.....	5
1980.....	2,520,770.....	5
1970.....	2,216,994.....	5
1960.....	2,178,141.....	5
1950.....	2,178,914.....	6
1940.....	2,183,796.....	7
1930.....	2,009,821.....	7
1920.....	1,790,618.....	8
1910.....	1,797,114.....	8
1900.....	1,551,270.....	8
1890.....	1,289,600.....	7
1880.....	1,131,597.....	7
1870.....	.827,922.....	6
1860.....	.791,305.....	5
1850.....	.606,526.....	5
1840.....	.375,651.....	4
1830.....	.136,621.....	2
1820.....	.75,448.....	1
1810.....	.31,306.....	1
1800.....	.7,600.....	0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

HISTORICAL POPULATION

CENSUS YEAR	POPULATION	% ±
1800	7,600	-
1810	31,306	311.9%
1820	75,448	141.0%
1830	136,621	81.1%
1840	375,651	175.0%
1850	606,526	61.5%
1860	791,305	30.5%
1870	827,922	4.6%
1880	1,131,597	36.7%
1890	1,289,600	14.0%
1900	1,551,270	20.3%
1910	1,797,114	15.8%
1920	1,790,618	-0.4%
1930	2,009,821	12.2%
1940	2,183,796	8.7%
1950	2,178,914	-0.2%
1960	2,178,141	0%
1970	2,216,912	1.8%
1980	2,520,638	13.7%
1990	2,573,216	2.1%
2000	2,844,658	10.5%
2010	2,967,297	4.3%
2020	2,961,279	-0.2%

STATE HOLIDAYS

January

New Year's Day.....	1 st Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday
Robert E. Lee's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday

February

George Washington's Birthday.....	3 rd Monday
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April

Confederate Memorial Day.....	Last Monday
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May

National Memorial Day.....	Last Monday
Jefferson Davis' Birthday.....	Last Monday

July

Independence Day (July Fourth).....	4 th Day
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September

Labor Day.....	1 st Monday
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November

Armistice Day (Veteran's Day).....	11 th Day
Thanksgiving Day	

The day of Thanksgiving is fixed by proclamation by the Governor and shall be fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the United States. Miss. Code Ann. § 3-3-7 (1972). The Governor, at his discretion, designates any additional day(s) for further observance of the Thanksgiving Season by the same proclamation.

December

Christmas Day.....	25 th Day
In addition to Christmas Day, any day(s) designated, at the Governor's discretion, for the observance of the Christmas Season are fixed by proclamation by the Governor. Miss. Code Ann. § 3-3-7 (1972).	

Yearly proclamations available on Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ms.gov)

CLIMATE INFORMATION

Mean Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)

	January		July		Annual Avg. Temp
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	
Biloxi	59.8	48.6	89.7	75.3	68.5
Clarksdale	50.3	32.0	90.4	71.8	62.4
Columbus.....	55.8	35.8	93.8	72.7	65.4
Corinth.....	49.2	30.4	90.0	69.7	60.5
Greenville	53.0	35.1	92.5	72.4	64.0
Hernando.....	49.7	30.2	90.1	70.7	61.2
Jackson	57.4	36.6	92.1	72.2	65.4
Kosciusko.....	54.3	33.0	90.0	70.9	62.8
Laurel	59.9	34.6	93.2	70.3	65.5
Meridian	59.0	34.6	93.3	72.0	65.9
Natchez	56.9	35.9	89.5	71.3	64.2
Tupelo.....	53.2	33.6	92.3	72.4	63.6
Tylertown.....	60.4	37.0	91.0	70.9	66.0

Based on 1991-2020 normals

Precipitation (inches)

	Mean Wettest Month	Mean Driest Month	Annual
Biloxi	8.09	3.68	66.80
Clarksdale	6.16	2.85	55.86
Columbus.....	5.69	3.20	56.64
Corinth.....	6.32	3.57	58.82
Greenville	5.10	2.83	49.00
Hernando.....	6.25	3.40	56.53
Jackson	5.84	3.48	57.35
Kosciusko.....	6.75	3.74	62.52
Laurel	5.76	3.48	59.64
Meridian	5.66	3.17	57.00
Natchez	6.23	4.04	60.13
Tupelo.....	5.94	3.57	57.74
Tylertown.....	6.30	4.25	62.51

Based on 1991-2020 normals

U.S. CENSUS – MISSISSIPPI STATISTICS

POPULATION

Population estimates, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	2,939,690
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2023)	2,961,306
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2023, (V2023)	-0.70%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	2,961,279

AGE AND SEX

Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	5.90%
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010	7.10%
Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	23.10%
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010	25.50%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	17.30%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010	12.80%
Female persons, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	51.40%
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010	51.40%

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

White alone, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	58.80%
White alone, percent, April 1, 2010	59.10%
Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	37.80%
Black or African American alone, percent, April 1, 2010	37.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	0.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, April 1, 2010	0.50%
Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	1.20%
Asian alone, percent, April 1, 2010	0.90%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	0.10%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone, percent, April 1, 2010	< 0.1%
Two or more races, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	1.50%
Two or more races, percent, April 1, 2010	1.10%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	3.60%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010	2.70%

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Veterans, 2018-2022	155,583
Foreign born persons, percent, 2018-2022	2.30%

HOUSING

Housing units, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	1,350,642
Housing units, April 1, 2010	1,274,719
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2018-2022	69.20%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2018-2022	\$151,000
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$1,311
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$400
Median gross rent, 2018-2022	\$896
Building Permits, 2023	7,700

FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Households, 2018-2022.....	1,121,269
Persons per household, 2018-2022.....	2.55
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2018-2022.....	88.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2018-2022....	4.0%

EDUCATION

High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	86.2%
Bachelor’s degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	23.9%

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE

Households with a computer, percent, 2018-2022	90.0%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2018-2022	80.0%

HEALTH

With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2018-2022	12.6%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent.....	13.1%

ECONOMY

In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022.....	56.7%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022	53.6%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2017 (\$1,000)	8,181,285
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)	18,752,296
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000).....	5,564,028
Total retail sales, 2017 (\$1,000)	36,920,630
Total retail sales per capita, 2017	\$12,345

TRANSPORTATION

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+ years, 2015-2019.....	25.4
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INCOME AND POVERTY

Median household income, 2015-2019	\$52,985
Per capita income in past 12 months, 2015-2019	\$29,209
Persons in poverty, percent.....	19.1%

BUSINESSES

Total employer establishments, 2021.....	59,805
Total employment, 2021	930,852
Total annual payroll, 2021 (\$1,000)	40,696,729
Total employment, percent change, 2020-2021	-2.0%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2021	240,096
All employer firms, Reference year 2017.....	41,265
Men-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	25,349
Women-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	6,653
Minority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017.....	4,503
Nonminority-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017.....	32,683
Veteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017.....	2,914
Nonveteran-owned employer firms, Reference year 2017	33,214

GEOGRAPHY

Population per square mile, 2020	63.1
Land area in square miles, 2020.....	46,923.96

SEX AND AGE

Total Population	2,939,690
Under 5 years.....	171,647
5 to 9 years	182,950
10 to 14 years	207,422
15 to 19 years	213,084
20 to 24 years	198,404
25 to 29 years	180,640
30 to 34 years	178,433
35 to 39 years	184,518
40 to 44 years	178,494
45 to 49 years	178,531
50 to 54 years	181,069
55 to 59 years	199,869
60 to 64 years	196,657
65 to 69 years	171,064
70 to 74 years	137,560
75 to 79 years	90,307
80 to 84 years	58,776
85 years and over.....	51,854
Median age (years)	38.9
18 years and over.....	2,277,599
21 years and over.....	2,141,088
62 years and over.....	625,327
65 years and over.....	509,561

RACE

Total population.....	2,939,690
One race	2,850,547
White	1,658,893
Black or African American.....	1,084,481
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	16,450
Asian	32,709
Asian Indian.....	7,674
Chinese.....	5,094
Filipino.....	4,760
Japanese.....	920
Korean.....	1,591
Vietnamese	8,542
Other Asian.....	2,895
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1,154
Other race	56,860
Two or more races.....	110,732
White and Black or African American	25,232

White and American Indian and Alaska Native	26,963
White and Asian	8,036
Black or African American and American Indian and Alaska Native.....	3,700

HISPANIC OR LATINO

Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	105,220
Mexican.....	51,256
Puerto Rican	9,790
Cuban	2,425
Other Hispanic or Latino	16,875
Not Hispanic or Latino	2,834,470

RELATIONSHIP

Population in households.....	2,867,608
Householder or spouse	1,158,171
Child.....	850,945
Other relatives	123,327
Non-relatives.....	69,490
Unmarried partner.....	63,439

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households	1,158,193
Family households (families)	547,062
With own children under 18 years	196,293
Married couple family	483,616
With own children under 18 years	169,903
Female householder, no spouse present	385,997
With own children under 18 years	87,771
Male householder, no spouse present	225,134
With own children under 18 years	16,916
Households with one or more people under 18 years.....	363,144
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	372,868

HOUSING OCCUPANCY

Total housing units.....	1,319,945
Occupied housing units	1,158,193
Vacant housing units	161,752
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.5%
Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	12.4%

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	1,158,193
Owner-occupied housing units	789,546
Vacant housing units	161,752
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.52
Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.38

MARITAL STATUS

Males 15 years and over	1,143,047
Never married.....	416,535
Now married, except separated.....	545,165
Separated.....	24,397
Widowed	36,480
Divorced.....	120,470
Females 15 years and over.....	1,245,327
Never married.....	398,376
Now married, except separated.....	530,348
Separated.....	32,744
Widowed	131,681
Divorced.....	152,178

FERTILITY

Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had birth in the past 12 months	40,116
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	17,854
Per 1,000 women	43
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old.....	58
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old.....	20
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old.....	105
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old.....	28

GRANDPARENTS

Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years.....	74,023
Responsible for grandchildren.....	44,209
Years responsible for grandchildren	
Less than 1 year	5,302
1 or 2 years	6,601
3 or 4 years	5,497
5 or more years.....	16,951
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years.....	34,351
Who are female.....	22,178
Who are married.....	21,912

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	717,690
Nursery school, preschool.....	40,525
Kindergarten	36,161
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	306,043
High school (grades 9-12)	159,743
College or graduate school	175,218

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over.....	1,963,322
Less than 9th grade	83,604
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	159,922
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	604,163

Some college, no degree	419,570
Associate's degree.....	209,877
Bachelor's degree.....	297,480
Graduate or professional degree.....	188,706
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	87.6%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	24.8%

VETERAN STATUS

Civilian population 18 years and over	2,248,988
Civilian veterans	146,793

RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO

Population 1 year and over	2,907,327
Same house	2,584,891
Different house in the U.S.....	308,490
Same county.....	148,993
Different county.....	89,549
Same state	19,601
Different state.....	69,948
Abroad.....	13,946

PLACE OF BIRTH

Total population.....	2,939,690
Native	2,874,609
Born in United States.....	2,854,712
State of residence.....	2,078,465
Different state.....	776,247
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	19,897
Foreign born.....	65,448

U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Foreign-born population	84,978
Naturalized U.S. citizen	26,730
Not a U.S. citizen.....	38,718

YEAR OF ENTRY

Population born outside the United States.....	65,448
Native	19,897
Entered 2010 or later	4,650
Entered before 2010.....	15,247
Foreign born.....	65,448
Entered 2010 or later	28,238
Entered before 2010.....	37,210

WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN

Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea.....	65,448
Europe.....	6,446
Asia.....	21,611

Africa.....	4,879
Oceania.....	302
Latin America.....	30,861
Northern America.....	1,349

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

Population 5 years and over.....	2,770,754
English only.....	2,656,558
Language other than English.....	114,196
Speak English less than "very well".....	42,723
Spanish.....	65,968
Speak English less than "very well".....	27,330
Other Indo-European languages.....	20,264
Speak English less than "very well".....	5,107
Asian and Pacific Islander languages.....	14,403
Speak English less than "very well".....	6,297
Other languages.....	13,561
Speak English less than "very well".....	3,989

ANCESTRY

Total population.....	2,939,690
American.....	279,392
Arab.....	7,985
Czech.....	738
Danish.....	1,723
Dutch.....	10,160
English.....	298,852
French (except Basque).....	55,361
French Canadian.....	6,581
German.....	146,538
Greek.....	3,822
Hungarian.....	1,082
Irish.....	210,150
Italian.....	50,553
Lithuanian.....	1,073
Norwegian.....	6,763
Polish.....	10,206
Portuguese.....	2,502
Russian.....	2,499
Scotch-Irish.....	33,708
Scottish.....	40,536
Slovak.....	689
Subsaharan African.....	21,208
Swedish.....	6,239
Swiss.....	1,889
Ukrainian.....	403
Welsh.....	6,179
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups).....	3,954

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Population 16 years and over	2,341,292
In labor force	1,337,386
Civilian labor force	1,322,376
Employed	1,257,562
Unemployed	64,814
Armed forces	15,010
Not in labor force.....	1,003,906
Civilian labor force	1,322,376
Percent unemployed	4.9%
Females 16 years and over.....	1,219,835
In labor force	653,742
Civilian labor force	651,169
Employed	617,322
Own children under 6 years.....	191,373
All parents in family in labor force.....	133,091
Own children 6 to 17 years	434,057
All parents in family in labor force.....	309,196

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	1,250,771
Car, truck, or van- drove alone.....	1,024,151
Car, truck, or van, carpooled	119,915
Public transportation (excluding taxicab).....	3,585
Walked.....	18,592
Other means.....	15,474
Worked at home	69,054
Mean travel time to work (minutes).....	26

OCCUPATION

Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,257,562
Management, business, science, and arts occupations.....	443,366
Service occupations.....	205,566
Sales and office occupations	254,430
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	132,533
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations.....	221,667

INDUSTRY

Civilian employed population 16 years and over.....	1,257,562
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting, and mining	30,666
Construction.....	90,027
Manufacturing.....	174,869
Wholesale trade.....	24,636
Retail trade.....	138,888
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities.....	88,411
Information.....	10,990
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing.....	59,898

Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	93,693
Educational services, and health care and social assistance.....	314,566
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.....	107,620
Other services, except public administration	59,106
Public administration.....	64,192

CLASS OF WORKER

Civilian employed population 16 years and over.....	1,257,562
Private wage and salary workers	946,207
Government workers	233,329
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers workers and unpaid family....	75,827

**INCOME AND BENEFITS
(IN 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)**

Total households	1,158,193
Less than \$10,000	93,168
\$10,000 to \$14,999	73,348
\$15,000 to \$24,999	122,067
\$25,000 to \$34,999	106,835
\$35,000 to \$49,999	151,549
\$50,000 to \$74,999	199,402
\$75,000 to \$99,999	139,516
\$100,000 to \$149,999	151,135
\$150,000 to \$199,999	55,082
\$200,000 or more	56,238
Median household income (dollars).....	52,719
Mean household income (dollars)	72,624
With earnings	832,219
Mean earnings (dollars).....	76,198
With Social Security	405,357
Mean Social Security income (dollars).....	19,912
With retirement income	260,579
Mean retirement income (dollars)	24,506
With Supplemental Security Income.....	97,838
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	10,631
With cash public assistance income.....	21,958
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,691
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months.....	157,333
Families	754,264
Less than \$10,000	38,751
\$10,000 to \$14,999	23,245
\$15,000 to \$24,999	57,194
\$25,000 to \$34,999	61,742

HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

\$35,000 to \$49,999	94,303
\$50,000 to \$74,999	138,616
\$75,000 to \$99,999	112,173
\$100,000 to \$149,999	129,255
\$150,000 to \$199,999	49,581
\$200,000 or more	49,404
Median family income (dollars)	66,973
Mean family income (dollars)	87,442
Non-family households	394,076
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	28,667
Mean non-family income (dollars)	40,989
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	35,467
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	51,041
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	39,245
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	43,024
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	33,140

MISSISSIPPI FIRSTS

- In 1963, the University of Mississippi Medical Center accomplished the world's first human lung transplant and, on January 23, 1964, Dr. James D. Hardy performed the world's first heart transplant surgery.
- Borden's Condensed Milk was first canned in Liberty.
- The first bottle of Dr. Tichener's Antiseptic was produced in Liberty.
- H.T. Merrill from Iuka performed the world's first round trip trans-oceanic flight in 1928.
- In 1884, the concept of selling shoes in boxes in pairs (right foot and left foot) occurred in Vicksburg at Phil Gilbert's Shoe Parlor on Washington Street.
- The first female rural mail carrier in the United States was Mrs. Mamie Thomas. She delivered mail by buggy to the area southeast of Vicksburg in 1914.
- Historic Jefferson College, circa 1802, was the first preparatory school established in the Mississippi Territory. Located in Washington, the educational institution is also the site where tradition holds Aaron Burr was arraigned for treason in 1807, beneath what became known as Burr Oaks.
- William Grant of Woodville was the first African American to conduct a major American symphony orchestra.
- Burnita Shelton Mathews of Hazelhurst was the first woman federal judge in the United States and served in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. Emmette F. Izard of Hazelhurst developed the first fibers of rayon. They became known as the first real synthetics.
- The first nuclear submarine built in the south was produced in Mississippi.
- Mississippi was the first state in the nation to have a planned system of junior colleges.
- Leontyne Price was the first African American to become a leading prima donna at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.
- The first football player on a Wheaties box was Walter Payton of Columbia.
- Natchez was settled by the French in 1716 and was the first permanent settlement on the Mississippi River. Natchez once had 500 millionaires, more than any other city except New York City.
- Pine Sol was invented in 1929 by Jackson native Harry A. Cole, Sr.
- Root beer was invented in Biloxi, in 1898, by Edward Adolf Barq, Sr.

