Education

Child Care Availability, October 2025
Number of children under 5 years of age and number of child care seats licensed per county.
Children under 5 collected from ACS 5-year estimates via Kids Count Data Center. Licensed child care seats collected from the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) Child Care Licensure Database. tinyurl.com/MSAgeDist & msdh.provider.webapps.ms.gov/ccsearch.aspx

Kindergarten Readiness, Spring 2024
Percent of end-of-year Kindergarten students meeting the benchmark of 681 - a score that has been correlated to 3rd grade reading achievement.
Scores obtained from the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Kindergarten Readiness Report, 2024. tinyurl.com/MSKReady

Per-Pupil Expenditures, 2023-2024
MDE calculates per-pupil expenditure per district.
Collected from Mississippi Succeeds Accountability Reports, MDE. In counties with multiple districts, county amounts were averaged based on student population per district. msrc.mdek12.org/

Student : Teacher Ratio, 2023-2024
Number of students per teacher in the county in the academic year 23-24.
Collected from Mississippi Succeeds Accountability Reports, MDE. In counties with multiple districts, county ratios were averaged based on student population per district. msrc.mdek12.org/

High School Dropout Rate, 2024-2025
Percent of high school students who left school before graduating in academic year 24-25.
Rates obtained from the MDE Graduation and Dropout Report. In counties with multiple districts, county rates were averaged based on student population per district. tinyurl.com/MSHSDropout

Chronic Absenteeism, 2024-2025
Percent of students who miss school for 10% or more of enrolled school days in academic year 24-25.
Rates obtained from the MDE Chronic Absenteeism Report. In counties with multiple districts, county rates were averaged based on student population per district. tinyurl.com/MSChronicAb

MAAP Test Scores, 2024-2025
Average Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) test scores for 3rd grade and 8th grade reading and math. MDE uses the following scales to determine performance:

3rd grade ELA scores:	3rd grade Math scores:	8th grade ELA scores:	8th grade Math scores:
• 301-334: Minimal	• 301-332: Minimal	• 801-841: Minimal	• 801-837: Minimal
• 335-349: Basic	• 333-349: Basic	• 842-849: Basic	• 838-849: Basic
• 350-364: Passing	• 350-364: Passing	• 850-864: Passing	• 850-864: Passing
• 365-386: Proficient	• 365-383: Proficient	• 865-879: Proficient	• 865-888: Proficient
• 387-399: Advanced	• 384-399: Advanced	• 880-899: Advanced	• 889-899: Advanced

Scores were obtained from the MDE 2025 Student Assessment reports. In counties with multiple districts, county rates were averaged based on student population per district. mdek12.org/publicreporting/2024-25

College & Career Readiness, 2024-2025
Percent of high school students who met performance benchmarks on ACT assessments in academic year 24-25. Benchmarks for ACT subsections are 17 in English and 19 in Math.
Scores were obtained from the MDE 2025 Student Assessment reports. In counties with multiple districts, county rates were averaged based on student population per district. mdek12.org/publicreporting/2024-25

Postsecondary Enrollment, 2023-2024
Percent of 2024-2025 high school graduates who enrolled at a post-secondary institution in Mississippi.
Rates were obtained from the MDE 2024 Mississippi Succeeds Report Card. In counties with multiple districts, county rates were averaged based on student population per district. msrc.mdek12.org/

Demographics

Population Change, 2014 & 2024
Change in county population between 2014 and 2024.
Estimates from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis - FRED. tinyurl.com/popestimates

Births & Deaths, 2019-2023
Births and deaths by year from 2019 to 2023 per county.
2019 - 2022 finalized birth data and death data collected from the Mississippi Statistically Automated Health Resource System (MSTAHRS) Birth and Death Tables. 2023 birth and death estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via beautifydata. mstahrs.msdh.gov & tinyurl.com/MSBirths2023 & tinyurl.com/MSDeaths2023

Population Distribution, 2023
County population by age group, 2019-2023 estimates.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via the Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSAgeDist

Racial Distribution, 2023
County population by race, 2019-2023 estimates.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via the Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSRaceDist

Economics

Children under 18 Living in Poverty, 2023
Percentage of children living in a household that meets the federal poverty definition. In 2024, the poverty threshold for a family of two adults and two children was $31,812.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via the Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSChildPoverty

Children under 6 with No Parent in the Labor Force, 2023
Percentage of young children who have no parent currently in the labor force. This metric includes 2 parent homes where neither parent is working and single parent homes where the parent is not working.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via the Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSNoLabor

Median Household Income, 2023
Median income of all households per county.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via NIH HD Pulse. tinyurl.com/MSMedHHInc

Percent of Households with Children Receiving Assistance, 2023
Percentage of households with children within a county that have received government assistance including SSI, Cash Public Assistance, or Food Stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates via CensusReporter. tinyurl.com/MSChildAssistance

Unemployment Rate, August 2025
Percentage of the civilian labor force in a county not currently working who are seeking employment.
Collected from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. mdes.ms.gov/media/8735/urate.pdf

Job Openings, August 2025
Number of job postings in a county.
Collected from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Labor Market Information / Workforce Information Database. tinyurl.com/MSWFI

Labor Force Participation by Gender, 2023
Percentage of the labor force (those over 16 years of age who are not institutionalized or disabled) in the county who are employed or actively seeking employment. Data is provided in total and by gender.
Collected from the US Department of Labor. tinyurl.com/MSLaborPart

Percent of Households with a High Housing Cost Burden, 2023
Percentage of households in a county where the housing costs comprise more than 30% or more than 50% of the household income.
Estimates collected from ACS 5-year estimates, Table B25140. data.census.gov

Percent of Children Experiencing Food Insecurity, 2023
Percentage of children 0-17 in a county who experience challenges accessing food due to economic disadvantage.
Collected from Feeding America. map.feedingamerica.org/county/2023/child/mississippi

Health

Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Infants, 2022
The number of infants who die before their first birthday per 1,000 live births per county.
Collected from MSTAHRS Infant Death Tables. mstahrs.msdh.ms.gov

Child & Teen Death Rates per 1,000 Children, 2025
The rate of child and teen deaths, calculated from the number of deaths of children and teens 0-19 between 2018 and October 2025.
Collected from CDC Wonder, Multiple Cause of Death Tables. wonder.cdc.gov

Children's Health Insurance Enrollment, 2023
Percent of children enrolled in health insurance programs by insurance type (Public, Private, Combined Public and Private, and Uninsured). Public insurance includes Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, and Veteran's Association (VA) Health Care. Private insurance include employer-based coverage (including TRICARE) and privately purchased insurance plans. Public/Private insurance recipients typically receive insurance from their employer and are eligible for public health plans.
Collected from ACS Table B27010 via CensusReporter. censusreporter.org/tables/B27010/

Miles to the Nearest Birthing Hospital, 2025
Miles calculated from county seat to the nearest birthing hospital. Birthing hospitals are hospitals that are prepared to handle different types of childbirth including high-risk and low-risk, natural and surgical, and have the capacity to provide postnatal care.
Birthing hospital list obtained from Dr. Tami Brooks via the Mississippi Department of Health.

Residents per Dentist, 2025
Number of county residents per dentist available within the county limits.
Collected from County Health Rankings. tinyurl.com/MSDentists

Residents per Mental Health Provider, 2025
Number of county residents per mental health provider available within the county limits.
Collected from County Health Rankings. tinyurl.com/MSMentalHealthProviders

Board-Certified Pediatricians, 2024
Number of pediatricians board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in the county.
Collected from the American Board of Pediatrics. tinyurl.com/MSPedsbyCo

Premature Birth Rate per 1,000 Births, 2020-2022
Premature birth includes any infant born before 36 weeks of gestation.
Collected from the Mississippi Statistically Automated Health Resource System (MSTAHRS) Birth Tables. mstahrs.msdh.ms.gov

Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 Teen Girls, 2017-2023
Number of teen births per 1,000 teen girls in the county, 2017-2023 combined.
Collected from County Health Rankings. tinyurl.com/MSTeenBirthRt

Families & Communities

Family Composition, 2023
Percent of children in a county who live in dual-parent households and single-parent households.
Collected from ACS Table B09005 via Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSHHType

Exercise Opportunities, 2024
Percent of people in a county who:
- Reside in a census block that is within a half mile of a park,
- Reside in a census block that is within one mile of a recreational facility in an urban area, or
- Reside in a census block that is within three miles of a recreational facility in a rural area.
Collected from County Health Rankings. tinyurl.com/MSExerciseOpps

Average Number of Children in MDCPS Custody, 2025
Average number of children in Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) custody in a county on the first day of each month from December 2024 - November 2025.
Collected from the MDCPS Children in Custody Maps. tinyurl.com/MSCustody

Broadband Access, 2023
Percent of county households that had a broadband internet connection. Data used in this metric result from 5-year ACS estimates (2019-2023).
Collected from County Health Rankings. tinyurl.com/MSBroadbandAccess

New Mothers' Educational Attainment, 2022
Percent of all mothers who gave birth in 2022 and who: have not earned a high school diploma; have earned a high school diploma; or have a Bachelor's Degree or higher.
Collected from MSTAHRS Birth Tables. mstahrs.msdh.ms.gov

Grandchildren in the Care of Grandparents, 2023
Number of grandchildren who live with their grandparents in the county.
Collected from ACS Table B10002 via the Kids Count Data Center. tinyurl.com/MSGrandparents

Youth Interactions with Youth Court, 2024
Number of youth interacting with youth court in a county and the number of referrals and cases that resulted from those interactions.
Collected from the Mississippi Department of Human Services' Division of Youth Services 2023 Annual Report. tinyurl.com/MSYouthCourt