

MEADVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2001	2010
Meadville	451	422	519	NA	NA
Franklin County	8,341	8,170	8,448	8,377	9,030

Most populated cities in Franklin County:

City	2000 Population
Bude	1,037
Roxie	569
Meadville	519

Age breakdown of county population, 2000:

0 to 17	27.3 %
18 to 24	8.8 %
25 to 44	26.1 %
45 to 64	22.6 %
65 and over	15.2 %

Median age of county population, 2000: 37.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1980, 1990, and 2000 (12/01), 2001 Population Estimates (04/02).

LOCATION

Distance to selected cities from Meadville:

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	462 miles	745 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	823 miles	1,327 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	411 miles	663 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	84 miles	135 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	294 miles	474 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	145 miles	234 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Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.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

Franklin County	\$512/week	\$12.80/hour
Mississippi	\$548/week	\$13.70/hour
United States	\$861/week	\$21.53/hour

Services

Franklin County	\$416/week	\$10.40/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 Annual Average.

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average, 2001:	Franklin County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	3,000	42,820
Male Percentage	60%	
Female Percentage	40%	
Total Employment	2,750	39,970
Manufacturing	560	
Services & Misc.	350	
Total Unemployed	250	2,850
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	6.7%
U.S.	4.8%	
Mississippi	5.5%	

12 Month Moving Average, June 2002:

Labor Force	3,100
Total Employment	2,820
Total Unemployed	280
Unemployment Rate	9.0%

*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties in Mississippi and neighboring states.

Source: Mississippi Employment Security Commission 2001 LMI for Affirmative Action (03/02), 2001 Annual Averages (04/02), and June 2002 Running Averages (07/02), 2001 Annual Average data from neighboring states.

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1990	1995	2001
Meadville	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 10
Franklin County	\$ 18	\$ 23	\$ 33

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

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1990	1995	2000
Franklin County	\$ 9,728	\$12,362	\$14,659

Earnings, Franklin County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2000	\$60,342
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Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2000:

Manufacturing	19.5%
Services	13.0%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%
Retail Trade	5.8%
Government	30.4%
Construction	6.7%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	3.8%
Transportation, Public Utilities	18.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2000 Data (05/02).

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	1997	2000
Franklin County	\$ 34	\$ 38	\$ 46

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 1995 through 2000 (12/01).

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Meadville 1

Banks with one or more branches in None

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Bank Directory, 2002-2003 Edition (08/02).

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Franklin 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 Meadville:

US 84

Railroads in Meadville:

Canadian Ntl.-Illinois Central

Air Travel in Meadville:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Jackson International, Jackson

Distance (miles) 84

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:

Hardy Anders Field, Natchez

Distance (miles) 33

Length of runway 6,500 feet/1,982 meters

Common carriers operating in Meadville 15

Meadville's nearest full-service port:

Natchez Port

Post Office Box 925

Natchez, MS 39120

601-442-2561

Distance from Meadville Local

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 Franklin County 1

Number of beds 49

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, Directory of Mississippi Health Facilities, 2002 (07/02).

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity distributor(s) in Meadville:

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Water/sewage service in Meadville:

Utility name	City of Meadville Municipal
Source	NA
System capacity	NA
	NA
Average consumption	80,000 gallons per day 303 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	120,000 gallons per day 455 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	425,000 gallons 1,610 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	120,000 gallons 455 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	NA
Percent of community served	98%
Present load	.NU

Natural gas distributor(s) in Meadville:

Mississippi Valley Gas

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s) Meadville

Land area 566 square miles/1,466 square kilometers

County land area in commercial forests 85 %

National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Homochitto National Forest

State Parks:

None

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 FRANKLIN COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
American Railcar Industries	110	Transportation equipment
Franklin Timber Co.	63	Lumber and wood products, except furniture
Alford Lumber Co., Inc.	30	Lumber and wood products, except furniture
Jones Welding & Fabrication, Inc.	10	Industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment
Franklin Ready-Mixed Concrete, Inc.	8	Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products

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

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Meadville

Class 8

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, August 2002.

COST OF HOUSING

Average Selling Price of Homes, 1998:

MAR, Natchez area	\$88,319
Mississippi	\$92,303

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

PROPERTY TAX

Average county millage 86.85

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 \$88,319 millage rate 89.35
 $(\$88,319 \times 10\% \times 89.35) / 1,000 = \789.13

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

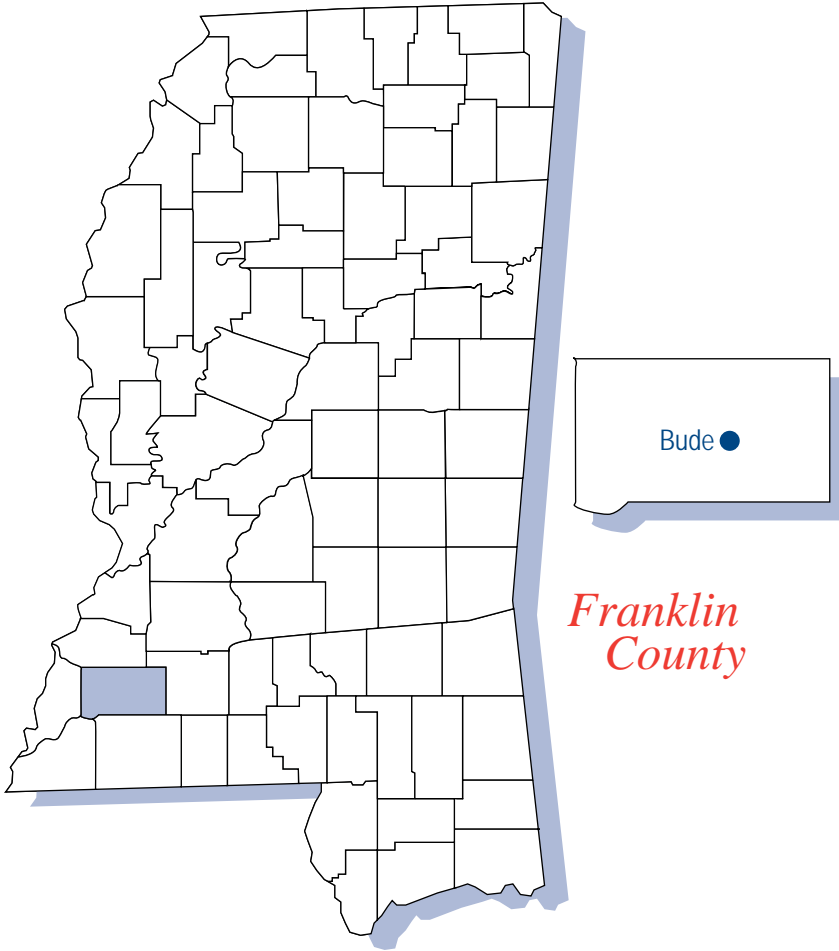
CONSTRUCTION COSTS

R.S. Means Location Factors for construction costs are available for ten Mississippi locations:

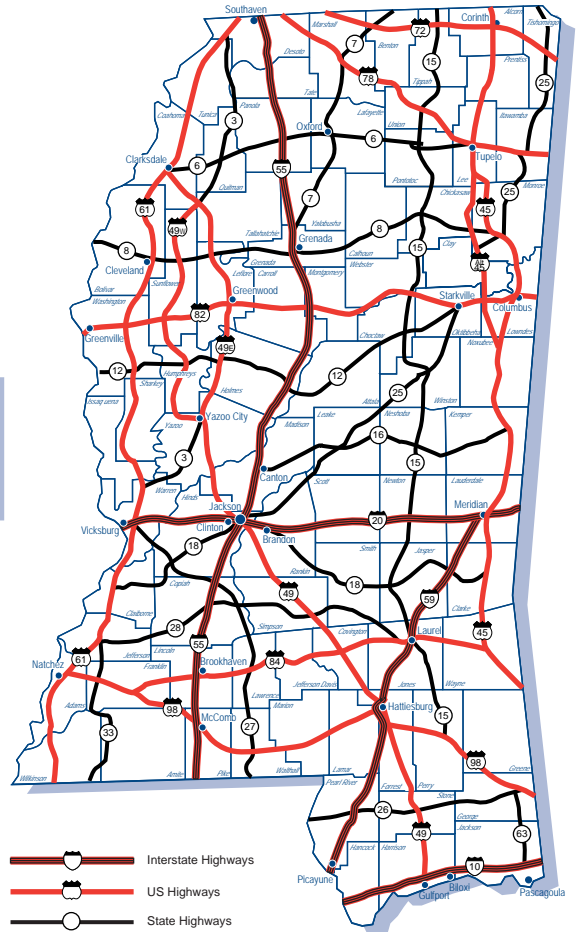
	Residential	Commercial
Biloxi	0.84	0.80
Clarksdale	0.70	0.66
Columbus	0.70	0.71
Greenville	0.80	0.77
Greenwood	0.72	0.68
Jackson	0.80	0.76
Laurel	0.72	0.69
McComb	0.72	0.70
Meridian	0.76	0.75
Tupelo	0.71	0.71
United States Average	1.00	1.00

Source: R.S. Means Company, Inc., Square Foot Costs-Location Factors for Mississippi, 2002 (08/02).

County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map

