

Mississippi

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“While Mississippi’s economy grew by 2.4 percent in 2012 and our Gross Domestic Product totaled more than \$100 billion for the first time, the temptation may exist to loosen budget discipline and begin spending with less caution. But this would be the wrong course for Mississippi.”

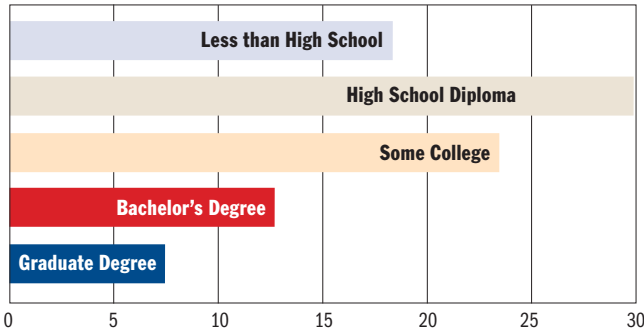
— Gov. Phil Bryant, Nov. 13, 2013

Governor: Phil Bryant (R) mississippi.org

Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2012: 2,996,393 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017: 2.83% Median household income: \$43,103 Median age: 36.2

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	35 (\$86,396*)
Business Tax Climate	17
Small Business Policy	16
Career Readiness Certificates	44 (178)
High School Graduation	46
Health	50

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

Among several pro-business bills passed, a measure exempts members of certain industrial manufacturers, farming entities and the fishing/shrimping industries from paying sales tax on electricity and fuel. Another offers a sales tax exemption and an income tax credit to companies moving their headquarters to Mississippi, as long as the company creates at least 20 jobs.

- A new law authorizes the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) to certify Health Care Industry Zones in areas where a health care industry facility is located within a five-mile radius of certain accredited colleges and universities.
- A new law extends the Mississippi Motion Picture Incentive Act to include computer or video game businesses that wish to locate in Mississippi.