

Overview

Founded in 1882 by pioneer lumberman and civil engineer William H. Hardy, Hattiesburg was named in honor of Hardy's wife Hattie. The town was incorporated two years later with a population of only 400. Hattiesburg's population first took off as a center of the lumber and railroad industries giving us our nickname "The Hub City." It now attracts newcomers to the area because of the diversity of the economy, strong neighborhoods and the great central location in South Mississippi.

The city is located in Forrest and Lamar Counties in the U.S. state of Mississippi. It is the principal city of the Hattiesburg, Mississippi Metropolitan Statistical Area which encompasses Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties. The MSA population exceeded 150,000 as a result of a 10% increase following Hurricane Katrina in August 2005; also, Hattiesburg itself surpassed Biloxi post-Katrina to become Mississippi's third largest city.

It is the county seat of Forrest County,[1] but the city has grown in recent years to include a portion of eastern Lamar County. Hattiesburg is home to The University of Southern Mississippi (originally known as Mississippi Normal College) and William Carey University (formerly William Carey College). Just south of Hattiesburg is Camp Shelby, the largest National Guard training base east of the Mississippi River.

Lamar County District 1 Demographics	Subject	Number	Percent
SEX AND AGE			
Total population	13,191	100.0	
Under 5 years	1,000	7.6	
5 to 9 years	885	6.7	
10 to 14 years	821	6.2	
15 to 19 years	821	6.2	
20 to 24 years	1,466	11.1	
25 to 29 years	1,418	10.7	
30 to 34 years	1,170	8.9	
35 to 39 years	905	6.9	
40 to 44 years	733	5.6	
45 to 49 years	736	5.6	
50 to 54 years	706	5.4	
55 to 59 years	568	4.3	
60 to 64 years	568	4.3	
65 to 69 years	387	2.9	
70 to 74 years	333	2.5	
75 to 79 years	281	2.1	
80 to 84 years	214	1.6	

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85 years and over	179	1.4
Median age (years)	30.8	(X)
16 years and over	10,314	78.2
18 years and over	9,985	75.7
21 years and over	9,437	71.5
62 years and over	1,727	13.1
65 years and over	1,394	10.6
Male population	6,282	47.6
Under 5 years	538	4.1
5 to 9 years	453	3.4
10 to 14 years	408	3.1
15 to 19 years	390	3.0
20 to 24 years	687	5.2
25 to 29 years	692	5.2
30 to 34 years	578	4.4
35 to 39 years	439	3.3
40 to 44 years	343	2.6
45 to 49 years	354	2.7
50 to 54 years	339	2.6
55 to 59 years	255	1.9
60 to 64 years	272	2.1
65 to 69 years	159	1.2
70 to 74 years	134	1.0
75 to 79 years	112	0.8
80 to 84 years	73	0.6
85 years and over	56	0.4
Median age (years)	29.8	(X)
16 years and over	4,803	36.4
18 years and over	4,661	35.3
21 years and over	4,379	33.2
62 years and over	688	5.2
65 years and over	534	4.0
Female population	6,909	52.4
Under 5 years	462	3.5
5 to 9 years	432	3.3
10 to 14 years	413	3.1
15 to 19 years	431	3.3
20 to 24 years	779	5.9
25 to 29 years	726	5.5
30 to 34 years	592	4.5
35 to 39 years	466	3.5
40 to 44 years	390	3.0
45 to 49 years	382	2.9
50 to 54 years	367	2.8
55 to 59 years	313	2.4
60 to 64 years	296	2.2

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65 to 69 years	228	1.7
70 to 74 years	199	1.5
75 to 79 years	169	1.3
80 to 84 years	141	1.1
85 years and over	123	0.9
Median age (years)	31.6	(X)
16 years and over	5,511	41.8
18 years and over	5,324	40.4
21 years and over	5,058	38.3
62 years and over	1,039	7.9
65 years and over	860	6.5
RACE		
Total population	13,191	100.0
One Race	13,019	98.7
White	9,355	70.9
Black or African American	3,252	24.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	30	0.2
Asian	278	2.1
Asian Indian	46	0.3
Chinese	53	0.4
Filipino	17	0.1
Japanese	1	0.0
Korean	27	0.2
Vietnamese	83	0.6
Other Asian [1]	51	0.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	0.0
Native Hawaiian	4	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0.0
Samoan	0	0.0
Other Pacific Islander [2]	1	0.0
Some Other Race	99	0.8
Two or More Races	172	1.3
White; American Indian and Alaska Native [3]	19	0.1
White; Asian [3]	28	0.2
White; Black or African American [3]	62	0.5
White; Some Other Race [3]	27	0.2
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: [4]		
White	9,505	72.1
Black or African American	3,338	25.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	7	0.5
Asian	315	2.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	0.1
Some Other Race	138	1.0
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Total population	13,191	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	325	2.5

Mexican	198	1.5
Puerto Rican	27	0.2
Cuban	5	0.0
Other Hispanic or Latino [5]	95	0.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,866	97.5
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Total population	13,191	100.0
Hispanic or Latino	325	2.5
White alone	195	1.5
Black or African American alone	0	0.0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	0.0
Asian alone	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.0
Some Other Race alone	88	0.7
Two or More Races	36	0.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	12,866	97.5
White alone	9,160	69.4
Black or African American alone	0	0.0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0	0.0
Asian alone	278	2.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.0
Some Other Race alone	11	0.1
Two or More Races	136	1.0
RELATIONSHIP		
Total population	13,191	100.0
In households	13,120	99.5
Householder	5,519	41.8
Spouse [6]	2,300	17.4
Child	3,654	27.7
Own child under 18 years	2,918	22.1
Other relatives	605	4.6
Under 18 years	241	1.8
65 years and over	71	0.5
Nonrelatives	1,042	7.9
Under 18 years	44	0.3
65 years and over	14	0.1
Unmarried partner	348	2.6
In group quarters	71	0.5
Institutionalized population	71	0.5
Male	9	0.1
Female	62	0.5
Noninstitutionalized population	0	0.0
Male	0	0.0
Female	0	0.0
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	5,519	100.0

Family households (families)	3,703	59.8
With own children under 18 years	1,886	30.2
Husband-wife family	2,300	41.7
With own children under 18 years	1,025	18.6
Male householder, no wife present	214	3.9
With own children under 18 years	14	2.1
Female householder, no husband present	769	14.3
With own children under 18 years	527	9.5
Nonfamily households [7]	2,216	40.2
Householder living alone	1,606	29.1
Male	698	12.6
65 years and over	83	1.5
Female	908	16.5
65 years and over	315	5.7
Households with individuals 18-17 years	1,809	32.8
Households with individuals 65 years and over	551	17.8
Average household size	2.38	(X)
Average family size [7]	2.99	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	6,193	100.0
Occupied housing units	5,519	89.1
Vacant housing units	674	10.9
For rent	350	5.7
Rented, not occupied	8	0.1
For sale only	87	1.4
Sold, not occupied	9	0.1
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	121	2.0
All other vacants	99	1.6
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) [8]	2.6	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent) [9]	12.9	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	5,519	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	3,029	54.9
Population in owner-occupied housing units	7,668	(X)
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.54	(X)
Renter-occupied housing units	2,490	45.1
Population in renter-occupied housing units	5,462	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.19	(X)