

Memphis at a Glance

GOVERNMENT

The City of Memphis was incorporated in 1826. The present Charter was adopted in 1968, establishing a Mayor-Council form of government. In 1995, the Council adopted a new district plan for the 13 Council positions. A total of nine districts were created. Seven districts have one representative each and two “super districts” have three representatives each.

GEOGRAPHY

Land Area (In Square Miles)

Memphis	315
Shelby (includes Memphis)	763
Crittenden	610
DeSoto.....	476
Tipton.....	458
Fayette.....	705
Marshall	706
Tate	405
Tunica.....	455
Total.....	4,571

Climate

Avg. Summer Temp.....	80
Avg. Winter Temp.....	43
Avg. Annual Temp.....	62
Avg. Precipitation.....	54 Inches
Avg. Snowfall.....	4.6 inches
Elevation.....	262 Feet

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

2014 (est.)	645,704
2019 (proj.)	653,459

Age (2011)

Under 5.....	7.6%
5 - 14	13.9%
15 - 19	7.4%
20 - 24	8.2%
25 - 34	15.2%
35 - 44	12.8%
45 - 54	13.5%
55 - 64	11.1%
65 - 75	5.5%
75+ years.....	4.8%

Sex

Male.....	47.7%
Female	52.3%

Race

White	30.0%
Black.....	62.7%
Asian & Pacific Islander.....	1.6%
Other	5.7%

Economics

Major Employers

Federal Express	32,000
Shelby County Schools	16,000
Tennessee State Government ..	14,400
U.S. Government.....	13,900
Methodist Healthcare	10,175
Baptist Memorial Hospitals	8,587
Shelby County Government	5,704
Memphis City Government.....	6,848
Wal-Mart.....	6,000
Shelby County Government	5,662
Naval Support Activity	4,600
TN State Government	8,600
Shelby Co. Bd. of Education	5,400
Park Place Entertainment.....	4,057
University of UT – Memphis	3,194
Internal Revenue Service	4,000
Kroger Delta Marketing	3,568
Technicolor.....	3,500
Century Managemet, Inc.....	2,800
Memphis Light, Gas & Water	2,727
University of Memphis	2,438
Service Master Co.....	2,411
First Tennessee Bank	2,300
International Paper	2,200

Unemployment Rates

(2014 Avg.)

Memphis.....	8.7%
Memphis MSA	7.6%
Shelby County	7.6%
Tennessee.....	6.6%
United States	8.2%

Household Income

(2014 Est. avg.)

Memphis.....	\$55,691
Shelby County	\$68,111
Memphis MSA	\$66,642



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Sales Tax
 Local.....2.25%
 State.....7.00%

Property Tax Rates
 (Per \$100 value)
 Memphis City\$3.40
 Shelby County.....\$4.37
 Total in Memphis City Limits\$7.37

Retail Sales

Shelby County (In Billions)
 2009\$11.7
 2010\$12.1
 2011\$12.8
 2012\$13.5
 2013\$13.4
 2014 (through September)\$13.2

Bond Rating

General Obligation Bonds
 Moody's..... Aa2
 Standard & Poor..... AA
 FitchAA-

Sanitary Seweage System Revenue Bonds
 Moody's..... Aa3
 Standard & Poors..... AA
 FitchAA-

Real Estate

Real Estate	Sq. Feet
Office Space	19,816,898
Vacancy Rate.....	19.9%
Industrial Space	174,139,8789
Vacancy Rate.....	13.70%

Office Space
 Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ... 19,593,502
 Square Feet Available..... 4,530,201
 Vacancy Rate.....20.3%
 Net Absorption (sq.ft.) 299,225
 Asking Direct Lease Rate
 (\$/sq.ft.)\$17.74

Industrial Space
 Total Market Size (sq.ft.) . 183,526,668
 New Construction (sq.ft.)..... Not Avail.
 Square Feet Available..... 30,003,054
 Vacancy Rate..... 11.60%
 Net Absorption (sq.ft.) 1,115,832

Asking Direct Leae Rate (sq.ft) .. \$3.46

Psychiatrists/Psychologists 313
 Ambulatory Surgical Centers 29

Education

Public Schools
 Total Enrollment..... 142,928
 Number of Schools:
 Elementary..... 95
 Middle/Junior..... 38
 High School..... 34
 Charter Schools 36
 Specialty Centers..... 22

College Entrance Exam Scores

ACT: (2013-2014)
 Shelby County Schools..... 17.1
 Tennessee 19.8
 U.S..... 21.0

Service Statistics

Fire
 Uniform strength 1,391
 Fire Station 56
 Divisions..... 2
 Battalions 11
 Number of engine companies 51
 Number of Quints..... 3
 Number of truck companies 21
 Hazardous Materials Squads..... 3
 Air Crash Apparatus..... 3
 Emergency Medical Units 35
 Alternative Response Vehicles (ARV)8

Police
 Uniform strength 2,110
 Number of Precincts 10
 Number of Squad cars
 in fleet 2,040

Airport

Annual Departures 96,051
 Airlines 7
 Freight Carriers 9
 Total Passengers 3,597,601
 Total Cargo (lbs.) 4,604,959,368
 (Busiest cargo airport in the world)



Memphis at a Glance

Public Works

Solid Waste/Garbage Collection

Tons Solid Waste Disposed .. 247,281
 Tons Solid Waste Diverted 131,191
 Homes Recycling (curbside).. 172,000

Street Maintenance

Total Road Lane Miles..... 6,818
 Curb & Gutter Miles 6,060
 Street Lights 83,800
 Tons Asphalt Produced 63,000
 Lane Miles Resurfaced..... 135

Storm Drainage System

Roadside Ditches (miles)..... 512
 Curb and Gutter (miles)..... 6,306
 Underground Pipes..... 1,294 miles
 Concrete Channels (miles)..... 130
 Storm Water Inlets..... 43,996

Sewer System

Sewer (miles)..... 2,400
 Sewer Pump Stations 101
 Daily Usage (gals/day) 146 million

T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.) . 25.9 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)..... 122 million

M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.) . 27.4 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)..... 87 million

Flood Control

Pumping Stations 11
 Earth Levees (miles)..... 20
 Flood Gates 30
 Reservoirs (acres)..... 643
 Flood Wall (linear ft.) 10,560

City Engineering

Traffic Control

Signals repaired or replaced.... 12,000
 Bicycle Lanes 67
 Street Lights 770
 Total Signal Devices (incl. Street Lights)
 1,000
 Total; City Roadways (Miles)..... 2,410

Park Services

Recreation

Parks 167
 Acreage 4,002
 Golf Courses 8
 Aquatic Sights 17
 Community Centers..... 24
 Tennis Centers 7
 Walking Trails 57
 Playgrounds 112
 Fairgrounds Building (sq. ft. 47,500
 Liberty Bowl seating capacity .. 61,008
 Zoo Acreage 36
 Senior Centers 5
 Libraries..... 18

Other Recreation Facilities

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
 Memphis Pink Palace Museum
 Fairgrounds/Tiger Lane
 Memphis Zoological Gardens
 Memphis Botanic Garden
 Lichterman Nature Center
 Mud Island River Park
 Brooks Museum
 Levitt Shell

Services Provided By Other Governmental Units

Education

Memphis Board of Education

Health & Human Services

Memphis/Shelby County Health
 Department

Library Services

Memphis/Shelby County Public Library
 and Information Center

Public Housing

Memphis Housing Authority

Public Transportation

Memphis Area Transit Authority

Utilities

Memphis Light Gas & Water Division

