

**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.

**Demographics**

**Land Area** Memphis - 2011 **348.9 sq. miles**

Counties:	Sq. Miles
Shelby (includes Memphis)	755
Crittenden	610
DeSoto	478
Tipton	459
Fayette	704
Marshall	706
Tate	404
Tunica	455
Total	4,571

**Population**

2013 (est.)	657,457
2018 (proj.)	651,887

**Age (2013)**

Under 5	7.7%
5 - 14	13.7%
15 - 19	7.1%
20 - 24	8.1%
25 - 34	15.6%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	13.1%
55 - 64	11.5%
65 - 75	5.6%
75+ years	4.8%

**Sex**

Male	47.5%
Female	52.5%

**Race**

White	29.5%
Black	63.1%
Asian & Pacific Islander	1.7%
Other	5.8%

**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

**Economics**

**Major Employers**

Federal Express	32,000
Shelby County Schools	16,000
U.S. Government	13,900
Methodist Healthcare	10,175
Baptist Memorial Hospitals	8,587
Shelby County Government	5,662
Memphis City Government	6,848
Wal-Mart	6,000
Naval Support Activity	4,600
TN State Government	14,400
Technicolor	3,500
Century Management, Inc.	2,800
University of UT – Memphis	3,911
Memphis Light, Gas & Water	2,727
Kroger Delta Marketing	3,568
United Postal Service	3,500
First Tennessee Bank	2,300
International Paper	3,200
St. Jude Hospital	3,676
University of Memphis	2,438

**Unemployment Rates**

(2013 Avg.)	
Memphis MSA	11.0%
Shelby County	9.7%
Tennessee	8.2%
United States	7.4%

**Household Income**

(2013 Est. avg.)	
Memphis	\$57,913
Shelby County	\$71,459
Memphis MSA	\$68,784

**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

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**Retail Sales**

**Shelby County (In Billions)**

2009 .....	\$11.7
2010 .....	\$12.1
2011 .....	\$12.8
2012 .....	\$13.5
2013).....	\$13.4

**Bond Rating**

**General Obligation Bonds**

Moody's .....	Aa2
Standard & Poor's .....	AA
Fitch .....	AA-

**Sanitary Sewage System Revenue Bonds**

Moody's .....	Aa3
Standard & Poors .....	AA
Fitch .....	AA-

**Real Estate**

<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Sq. Feet</b>
Office Space .....	19,335,345
Vacancy Rate.....	20.7%
Industrial Space .....	176,982,713
Vacancy Rate.....	13.4%

**Office Space**

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ...	19,335,345
Square Feet Available.....	4,389,110
Vacancy Rate.....	20.7%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.) .....	(60,830)
Asking Direct Lease Rate (\$/sq.ft.) .....	\$17.48

**Industrial Space**

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) .	176,982,713
Square Feet Available.....	28,415,741
Vacancy Rate.....	13.40%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.) .....	967,840
Avg. Gross Lease Rates	
100,000+sq. ft. (\$/s.f.) .....	\$3.40
Psychiatrists/Psychologists .....	313
Ambulatory Surgical Centers .....	27

**Education**

**Memphis City Schools**

Total Enrollment.....	106,991
Number of Schools:	
Elementary .....	116

Middle/Junior.....	41
High School.....	43
Specialty Centers.....	21

**College Entrance Exam Scores**

ACT:

Memphis City Schools .....	16.1
Shelby County Schools.....	20.8
Tennessee .....	19.1
U.S.....	20.9

**Service Statistics**

**Fire**

Uniform strength .....	1,604
Fire Stations.....	57
Divisions.....	2
Battalions .....	11
Number of engine companies .....	56
Number of truck companies .....	22
Hazardous Materials Squads.....	2
Air Crash Apparatus.....	3
Emergency Medical Units .....	34

**Police**

Uniform strength .....	2,385
Number of Precincts .....	10
Number of Squad cars in fleet .....	1,575+

**Airport**

Annual Departures .....	108,000
Airlines .....	6
Freight Carriers .....	8
Total Passengers .....	4,598,000
Total Cargo (lbs.) .....	4,252,746,000
(Busiest cargo airport in the world)	

**Public Works**

**Solid Waste/Garbage Collection**

Tons Solid Waste Disposed... ..	283,817
Tons Solid Waste Diverted ....	136,452
Homes Recycling (curbside) ..	185,032

**Street Maintenance**

Total Road Lane Miles .....	6,750
Curb & Gutter Miles .....	6,060
Street Lights.....	83,800



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Tons Asphalt Produced ..... 85,700  
 Lane Miles Resurfaced ..... 236

**Storm Drainage System**

Roadside Ditches (miles)..... 1,690  
 Underground Pipes..... 2,650 miles  
 Storm Water Inlets ..... 70,000

**Sewer System**

Sewer (miles)..... 3,605  
 Sewer Pump Stations ..... 103  
 Daily Usage (gals/day) ..... 149 million

**T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant**

Wastewater Treated (gal.) . 24.8 billion  
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)..... 128.5 million

**M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant**

Wastewater Treated (gal.) . 29.6 billion  
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)..... 86 million

**Flood Control**

Pumping Stations ..... 11  
 Earth Levees (miles)..... 20  
 Flood Gates ..... 32  
 Reservoirs (acres) ..... 643  
 Flood Wall (linear ft.) ..... 17,089

**City Engineering**

**Traffic Control**

Signals repaired or replaced..... 4,951  
 Bicycle Lanes ..... 51

**Park Services**

**Recreation**

Parks ..... 167  
 Acreage ..... 4,002  
 Golf Courses..... 8  
 Aquatic Sights..... 17  
 Community Centers..... 24  
 Tennis Centers ..... 7  
 Walking Trails..... 55  
 Playgrounds..... 110  
 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