

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

2011 (est.)	644,073
2016 (proj.)	646,242

Age (2011)

Under 5	7.5%
5 - 14	13.8%
15 - 19	7.7%
20 - 24	8.2%
25 - 34	15.3%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	13.4%
55 - 64	11.1%
65 - 75	5.6%
75+ years	4.8%

Sex

Male	47.5%
Female	52.5%

Race

White	29.3%
Black	63.2%
Asian & Pacific Islander	1.6%
Other	12.6%

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	30,000
Memphis Bd. of Education	16,119
U.S. Government	15,375
Methodist Healthcare	8,700
Baptist Memorial Hospitals	3,500
Shelby County Government	5,971
Memphis City Government	7,274
Wal-Mart	6,000
Naval Support Activity	4,076
TN State Government	8,600
Shelby Co. Bd. of Education	5,200
Park Place Entertainment	4,057
University of UT – Memphis	3,500
Internal Revenue Service	4,000
Kroger Delta Marketing	3,500
United Postal Service	3,500
First Tennessee Bank	4,000
International Paper	3,200
St. Jude Hospital	3,200
University of Memphis	2,800

Unemployment Rates

(2011 Avg.)	
Memphis MSA	9.9%
Shelby County	9.9%
Tennessee	9.2%
United States	9.0%

Household Income

(2011 Est. avg.)	
Memphis	\$52,207
Shelby County	\$62,735
Memphis MSA	\$61,707

Sales Tax

Local	2.25%
State	7.00%

Property Tax Rates

(Per \$100 value)	
Memphis City	\$3.01
Shelby County	\$4.09
Total in Memphis City Limits	\$7.07



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Retail Sales

Shelby County (In Billions)

2006	\$13.0
2007	\$13.0
2008	\$12.9
2009	\$11.7
2010	\$12.1

Bond Rating

General Obligation Bonds

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

Sanitary Sewage System Revenue Bonds

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

Real Estate

Real Estate	Sq. Feet
Office Space	19,668,600
Vacancy Rate.....	20.0%
Industrial Space	174,058,949
Vacancy Rate.....	13.94%

Office Space

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ...	19,668,600
Square Feet Available.....	4,627,532
Vacancy Rate.....	20.0%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.)	58,018
Asking Direct Lease Rate (\$/sq.ft.)	\$17.72

Industrial Space

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) .	174,058,949
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	Not Avail.
Square Feet Available.....	26,624,151
Vacancy Rate.....	13.94%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.)	(1,697,405)
Avg. Gross Lease Rates	
100,000+sq. ft. (\$/s.f.)	\$2.93
Psychiatrists/Psychologists	264
Ambulatory Surgical Centers	25

Education

Memphis City Schools

Total Enrollment.....	113,570
Number of Schools:	

Elementary.....	112
Middle/Junior.....	45
High School.....	39
Specialty Centers.....	36

College Entrance Exam Scores

ACT:	
Memphis City Schools	16.2
Shelby County Schools.....	20.7
Tennessee	19.0
U.S.....	21.1

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	146,527
Airlines	15
Freight Carriers	7
Total Passengers	3,712,578
Total Cargo (lbs.)	7,531,000,000
(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



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Street Lights 83,800
 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) 177 million

T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.) ..27.4 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.) 144.5 million

M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.) ..37.2 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.) 76 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 37

Park Services

Recreation

Parks 158
 Acreage 5,410
 Golf Courses 8
 Aquatic Sights 17
 Community Centers 25
 Tennis Centers 7
 Walking Trails 55
 Playgrounds 109
 Fairgrounds Building (sq. ft. 47,500
 Liberty Bowl seating capacity ... 61,008
 Zoo Acreage 36
 Senior Centers 4
 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

