

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 -	346.6 sq. miles
Counties:.....	Sq. Miles
Shelby (includes Memphis)	755
Crittenden.....	610
DeSoto	478
Tipton	459
Fayette	704
Marshall.....	375
Tate	404
Tunica	455
Total	4,240

Population

2010 (est.)	646,889
2015 (proj.).....	575,658

Age

Under 5	8.4%
5 - 14	14.1%
15 - 19	7.4%
20 - 24	7.8%
25 - 34	12.7%
35 - 44	12.5%
45 - 54	13.6%
55 - 64	11.6%
65 - 75	6.6%
75+ years	3.6%

Sex

Male	47.1%
Female	52.9%

Race

White	30.1%
Black	62.9%
Asian & Pacific Islander	2.1%
Other	4.9%

Climate

Avg. Summer Temp	81
Avg. Winter Temp	43
Avg. Annual Temp	62
Avg. Precipitation	55 inches
Avg. Snowfall	5.1 inches
Elevation	337 feet

Economics

Major Employers

FedEx.....	30,000
Memphis Bd. of Education	15,991
U.S. Government	15,500
Methodist Healthcare	8,700
Memphis City Government	7,231
Baptist Memorial Healthcare	6,845
Shelby County Government.....	6,336
Naval Support Activity	4,076
Wal-Mart	6,000
Shelby Co. Bd. of Education	5,200
Tennessee State Government	9,000
University of UT – Memphis	3,500
Kroger Delta Marketing	3,500
Memphis Light Gas & Water	2,836
Technicolor	2,800
First Horizon National Corp.....	4,000
St. Jude Hospital.....	3,200

Unemployment Rates

(2009 Avg.)	
Memphis MSA.....	10.0%
Shelby County.....	10.1%
Tennessee	10.9%
United States	9.3%

Household Income

(2009 Est. avg.)	
Memphis	\$53,511
Shelby County.....	\$64,860
Memphis MSA.....	\$63,156

Sales Tax

Local	2.25%
State.....	7.00%

Property Tax Rates

(Per \$100 value)	
Memphis City	\$3.19
Shelby County.....	\$4.06
Total in Memphis City Limits	\$7.25



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Retail Sales

Memphis MSA (In Billions)

2001	\$13.85
2002	\$13.97
2003	\$14.46
2004	\$16.13
2005	\$17.06
2006	\$17.86

Bond Rating

General Obligation Bonds

Moody's	Aa2
Standard & Poor	AA
Fitch	AA-

Sewer Bond

Moody's	Aa3
Standard & Poors	AA
Fitch	AA-

Real Estate

Real Estate	Sq. Feet
Office Space.....	19,581,288
Vacancy Rate.....	19.5%
Industrial Space	173,460,272
Vacancy Rate.....	13.4%

Office Space

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ...	19,581,288
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	not avail.
Square Feet Available.....	not avail.
Vacancy Rate.....	13.4%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.)	427,491
Avg. Gross Lease Rate	
100,00+Sq. ft.(\$/sq.ft.)	\$2.37

Industrial Space

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) .	184,178,684
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	952,743
Square Feet Available.....	25,113,235
Suburban Vacancy Rate	13.6%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.)	(959,232)
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	105,000
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Number of Schools:

Elementary	112
Middle/Junior.....	36
High School.....	35
Specialty Centers	26

College Entrance Exam Scores

ACT:

Memphis City Schools	16.6
Shelby County Schools	21.0
Tennessee	19.6
U.S.	21.1

Service Statistics

Fire

Uniform strength	1,874
Fire Stations.....	57
Divisions.....	2
Battalions	14
Number of engine companies	56
Number of truck companies	27
Hazardous Materials Squads.....	3
Air Crash Apparatus.....	3
Emergency Medical Units	33

Police

Uniform strength	2,343
Number of Precincts	10
Number of Community Policing	
Offices	14
Number of Squad cars	
in fleet	1,563

Airport

Annual Departures/Arrivals	336,016
Airlines	7
Freight Carriers	8
Total Passengers	10,070,483
Total Cargo (lbs.)	8,501,612
(Busiest cargo airport in the world)	



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Public Works

Solid Waste/Garbage Collection

Tons Solid Waste Disposed ...292,707
 Tons Solid Waste Diverted..... 113,845
 Homes Recycling (curbside) ..177,700
 Animals Collected/Disposed20,719

Street Maintenance

Total Road Lane Miles6,750
 Curb & Gutter Miles.....3,590
 Street Lights83,500
 Tons Asphalt Produced.....47,700
 Lane Miles Resurfaced 140

Storm Drainage System

Roadside Ditches (miles)580
 Underground Pipes 2,350 miles
 Storm Water Inlets70,000

Sewer System

Sewer (miles)3,605
 Sewer Pump Stations..... 102
 Daily Usage (gals/day)160 million

T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.)..25.9 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)43.7 million

M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.)..32.6 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.)64.7 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 replaced4,927

Park Services

Recreation

Parks166
 Acreage.....5,387
 Golf Courses8
 Aquatic Sights 18
 Community Centers24
 Tennis Centers.....7
 Walking Trails.....34

Playgrounds 109
 Fairgrounds Building (sq. ft.98,787
 Liberty Bowl seating capacity... 62,000
 Zoo Acreage36
 Special Centers.....7

Other Recreation Facilities

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
 Memphis Pink Palace Museum
 Memphis Zoological Gardens
 Children's Museum
 Memphis Botanic Garden
 Mallory-Neely House
 Lichterman Nature Center
 Mud Island River Park
 FedEx Forum

Services Provided By Other Governmental Units

Education

Memphis Board of Education

Health & Human Services

Memphis/Shelby County Health Department

Library Services

Memphis Public Library and Information Center

Public Housing

Memphis Housing Authority

Public Transportation

Memphis Area Transit Authority

Utilities

Memphis Light Gas & Water Division



