

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	4,542.3

Population

2008 (est.)	610,434
2013 (proj.)	595,900

Age

Under 5	7.9%
5 - 14	14.7%
15 - 19	7.7%
20 - 24	7.9%
25 - 34	13.1%
35 - 44	12.9%
45 - 54	13.6%
55 - 64	10.9%
65 - 75	5.9%
75+ years	2.7%

Sex

Male	47.4%
Female	52.6%

Race

White	30.1%
Black	62.8%
Asian & Pacific Islander	2.1%
Other	5.0%

Climate

Avg. Summer Temp	81
Avg. Winter Temp	41
Avg. Annual Temp	62
Avg. Precipitation	49 inches
Avg. Snowfall	5.3 inches
Elevation	337 feet

Economics

Major Employers

FedEx	30,000
Memphis Bd. of Education	15,240
U.S. Government	14,700
Methodist Healthcare	8,717
Memphis City Government	6,741
Baptist Memorial Healthcare	6,585
Shelby County Government	6,513
Naval Support Activity	6,372
Wal-Mart	6,000
Shelby Co. Bd. of Education	5,200
Tennessee State Government	5,000
University of UT – Memphis	3,750
Kroger Delta Marketing	3,500
First Tennessee Bank	3,423
First Horizon National Corp.	3,423
First Tennessee Home Loans	3,183
St. Jude Hospital	3,109

Unemployment Rates

(2008 Avg.)	
Memphis MSA	7.5%
Shelby County	7.4%
Tennessee	7.5%
United States	7.1%

Household Income

(2006 Est. avg.)	
Memphis	\$46,872
Shelby County	\$56,059
Memphis MSA	\$56,399

Sales Tax

Local	2.25%
State	7.00%

Property Tax Rates

(Per \$100 value)	
Memphis City	\$3.19
Shelby County	\$4.09
Total in Memphis City Limits	\$7.34



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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	A1
Standard & Poor	AA
Fitch	A+

Sewer Bond

Moody's	A2
Standard & Poors	AA
Fitch	AA-

Real Estate

Real Estate	Sq. Feet
Office Space.....	46,800,764
Vacancy Rate.....	12.4%
Industrial Space	184,178,684
Vacancy Rate.....	13.6%

Office Space

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ...	46,800,764
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	158,520
Square Feet Available.....	5,809,238
Vacancy Rate.....	12.4%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.)	217,577
Avg. Class A Rental Rate (\$/sq.ft.)	\$17.41

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	110,000
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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	17.5
Shelby County Schools	21.5
Tennessee	20.7
U.S.	21.1

Service Statistics

Fire

Uniform strength	1,876
Fire Stations.....	56
Divisions.....	2
Battalions	13
Number of engine companies	56
Number of truck companies	27
Hazardous Materials Squads.....	3
Air Crash Apparatus.....	6
Emergency Medical Units	33

Police

Uniform strength	2,143
Number of Precincts	10
Number of Community Policing Offices	14
Number of Squad cars in fleet	1,538

Airport

Annual Departures/Arrivals	363,139
Airlines	7
Freight Carriers	14
Total Passengers	10,532,095
Total Cargo (lbs.)	8,148,705,319
(Busiest cargo airport in the world)	



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Public Works

Solid Waste/Garbage Collection

Tons Solid Waste Disposed ... 242,492
 Tons Solid Waste Diverted..... 138,270
 Homes Recycling (curbside) .. 185,964
 Animals Collected/Disposed 22,703

Street Maintenance

Total Road Lane Miles 5,000
 Curb & Gutter Miles..... 2,630
 Street Lights 80,570
 Tons Asphalt Produced..... 43,600
 Tons Cold Mix Produced..... 0
 Lane Miles Resurfaced 101

Storm Drainage System

Roadside Ditches (miles) 580
 Underground Pipes 2,350 miles
 Storm Water Inlets 40,000

Sewer System

Sewer (miles) 3,605
 Sewer Pump Stations..... 102
 Daily Usage (gals/day) 163 million

T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.).. 26.4 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.) 77.9 million

M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treated (gal.).. 34.9 billion
 Sludge Disposal (lbs.) 59.7 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 replaced 4,428

Park Services

Recreation

Parks 166
 Acreage..... 5,387
 Golf Courses 8
 Aquatic Sights 18
 Community Centers 24
 Tennis Centers..... 7

Walking Trails 34

Playgrounds 109

Fairgrounds Building (sq. ft. 98,787

Liberty Bowl seating capacity... 62,000

Zoo Acreage 36

Special Centers..... 7

Other Recreation Facilities

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

Mid-South Coliseum

Memphis Pink Palace Museum

Fairgrounds/Libertyland

Memphis Zoological Gardens

Children's Museum

Memphis Botanic Garden

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



