

**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**

Federal Express.....	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
Harrah's Entertainment .....	5,541
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 .....	\$3.25
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**

<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Sq. Feet</b>
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)	



**Memphis at a Glance**

**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



