

**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 - 2005 .....	296.03 sq. miles
Counties:.....	Sq. Miles
Shelby (includes Memphis) .....	784
Crittenden.....	599
DeSoto .....	496
Tipton .....	454
Fayette .....	705
Marshall.....	709
Tate .....	410
Tunica .....	480
Total .....	4,637

**Population**

2006 (est.) .....	643,122
2008 (proj.).....	664,215

**Age**

Under 5 .....	7.8%
5 - 14 .....	7.9%
15 - 19 .....	7.3%
20 - 24 .....	7.8%
25 - 34 .....	15.8%
35 - 44 .....	14.9%
45 - 54 .....	12.4%
55 - 64 .....	3.6%
65 - 75 .....	5.6%
75+ years .....	2.7%

**Sex**

Male .....	47.5%
Female .....	52.7%

**Race**

White .....	30.5%
Black .....	63.5%
Asian & Pacific Islander .....	1.5%
Other .....	3.3%

**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 .....	16,000
U.S. Government .....	14,800
Methodist Healthcare .....	10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospitals .....	8,000
Shelby County Government.....	7,183
Memphis City Government .....	6,680
Wal-Mart .....	6,500
Naval Support Activity .....	6,500
TN State Government .....	5,247
Shelby Co. Bd. of Education .....	5,014
Park Place Entertainment .....	4,057
University of UT – Memphis .....	4,000
Internal Revenue Service.....	3,500
Kroger Delta Marketing .....	3,500
United Postal Service.....	3,500
First Tennessee Bank.....	3,287
International Paper.....	3,200
St. Jude Hospital.....	3,000
University of Memphis.....	2,800

**Unemployment Rates**

(2006 Avg.)	
Memphis MSA.....	5.8%
Shelby County.....	6.4%
Tennessee .....	5.2%
United States .....	5.0%

**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 .....	\$3.43
Shelby County.....	\$4.09
Total in Memphis City Limits .....	\$7.47



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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 .....	A
Fitch .....	A+

**Sewer Bond**

Moody's .....	A2
Standard & Poors .....	AA
Fitch .....	AA-

**Real Estate**

<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Sq. Feet</b>
Office Space.....	29,200,247
Vacancy Rate.....	7.09%
Industrial Space .....	115,300,000
Vacancy Rate.....	10.56%

**Office Space**

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) ...	17,292,335
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	153,816
Square Feet Available.....	2,646,868
Vacancy Rate.....	18%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.) .....	109,000
Avg. Class A Rental Rate (\$/sq.ft.) .....	\$15.78

**Industrial Space**

Total Market Size (sq.ft.) .	141,600,000
New Construction (sq.ft.).....	4,100,000
Square Feet Available.....	20,390,000
Suburban Vacancy Rate .....	17%
Net Absorption (sq.ft.) .....	5,600,000
Avg. Gross Lease Rates	
100,000+sq. ft. (\$/s.f.) .....	\$3.00-\$3.25

**Health Care**

**Providers (Memphis/Shelby County)**

Physicians .....	2,680
Registered Nurses .....	9,453
Dentists .....	607

Psychiatrists/Psychologists..... 264

**Medical Facilities**

Hospitals .....	20
Nursing Homes .....	32
Homes for the Aged .....	28
Treatment Centers .....	48
Home Health Care Organizations ...	20
Ambulatory Surgical Centers .....	25

**Education**

**Memphis City Schools**

Total Enrollment.....	117,740
Number of Schools:	
Elementary .....	108
Middle/Junior.....	29
High School.....	31
Specialty Centers.....	23

**College Entrance Exam Scores**

**ACT:**

Memphis City Schools .....	17.6
Shelby County Schools.....	21.4
Tennessee .....	20.5
U.S. ....	20.9

**SAT:**

Memphis City Schools .....	1,094
Shelby County Schools.....	1,147
Tennessee .....	1,135
U.S. ....	1,028

**Service Statistics**

**Fire**

Uniform strength .....	1,696
Fire Stations.....	55
Divisions.....	2
Battalions .....	13
Number of engine companies .....	55
Number of truck companies .....	26
Hazardous Materials Squads.....	3
Air Crash Apparatus.....	6
Emergency Medical Units .....	31

**Police**

Uniform strength .....	2,052
Number of Precincts .....	9
Number of Community Policing Offices .....	15
Number of Squad cars in fleet .....	1,580



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**Airport**

Annual Departures/Arrivals ....	392,360
Airlines .....	13
Freight Carriers .....	13
Total Passengers .....	11,039,077
Total Cargo (lbs.) .....	7,934,693,051
(Busiest cargo airport in the world)	

**Public Works**

**Solid Waste/Garbage Collection**

Tons Solid Waste Disposed ...	275,792
Tons Solid Waste Diverted.....	149,378
Homes Recycling (curbside) ..	185,032
Animals Collected/Disposed ....	30,120

**Street Maintenance**

Total Road Lane Miles .....	4,900
Curb & Gutter Miles.....	2,630
Street Lights.....	74,725
Tons Asphalt Produced.....	85,700
Tons Cold Mix Produced.....	0
Lane Miles Resurfaced .....	236

**Storm Drainage System**

Roadside Ditches (miles) .....	580
Underground Pipes .....	2,024 miles
Storm Water Inlets .....	40,000

**Sewer System**

Sewer (miles) .....	3,605
Sewer Pump Stations.....	99
Daily Usage (gals/day) .....	176 million

**T.E. Maxson Treatment Plant**

Wastewater Treated (gal.)..	28.9 billion
Sludge Disposal (lbs.) .....	104.5 million

**M. C. Stiles Treatment Plant**

Wastewater Treated (gal.)..	31.9 billion
Sludge Disposal (lbs.) .....	78.3 million

**Flood Control**

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

**Traffic Control**

Signals repaired or replaced .....	4,428
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**Park Services**

**Recreation**

Parks.....	166
Acreage.....	3,137
Golf Courses .....	8
Aquatic Sights .....	17
Community Centers .....	28
Tennis Centers.....	7
Walking Trails .....	36
Playgrounds.....	110
Fairgrounds Building (sq. ft. ...	135,747
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



