

Fact Sheet: Mississippi

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Statewide Elected Constitutional Officers:

Governor	Hayley Barbour (R) 2004- <i>RNC Chair 1988-96</i>
Lieutenant Governor	Amy Tuck (R) 2000- <i>St Sen 1991-99; Switched from D to R party in 2005</i>
Attorney General	Jim Hood (D)
Secretary of State	Eric Clark (D) 1996- <i>St Rep 1983-95</i>
State Treasurer	Tate Reeves (R) 2003-
State Auditor	Phil Bryant (R) 1996-
Com Agriculture	Lester Spell (D) 1996- <i>Mayor of Richland 1975--96</i>
Com Insurance	George Dale (D) 1975-

Public Service Commission has 3 members that must come from one of three districts but are elected statewide. 2 of the current members are Democrats and all are men.

State Legislature 4-year terms both houses (off-year elections):

House:	122 Members	Senate:	52 Members
	74 Dem/47 Rep		25 Dem/27 Rep
	18 women/104 men		4 women/48 men
	35 Af-Am/0 Latino		10 Af-Am/0 Latino

Congressional Delegation:

Sr. Senator	Thad Cochran (R) 1979- <i>US Rep 1973-78</i>
Jr. Senator	Trent Lott (R) 1989- <i>US Rep 1973-89</i>
1 st Dis Rep	Roger Wicker (R) 1995- <i>St Sen 1987-94</i>
2 nd Dis Rep	Bennie Thompson (D) 1993- <i>Mayor Bolton 73-79</i> <i>Cty Bd of Sup 80-93</i>
3 rd Dis Rep	Chip Pickering (R) 1997-
4 th Dis Rep	Gene Taylor (D) 1989- <i>St Sen 83-89; ran for Cong 88</i>



State Demographics:

Population	2.9 million
	61.2% White
	36.9% Black
	1.7% Latino
	0.7% Asian
	19.3% Poverty
Growth Rate (00-06)	2.3%

Presidential Voting:

1988	Bush 60	Dukakis	39
1992	Bush 50	Clinton	41
1996	Dole 49	Clinton	44
2000	Bush 58	Gore	41
2004	Bush 59	Kerry	39
Last Voted Democrat in 1976			