



A Community Needs Assessment of Greenwood, Mississippi

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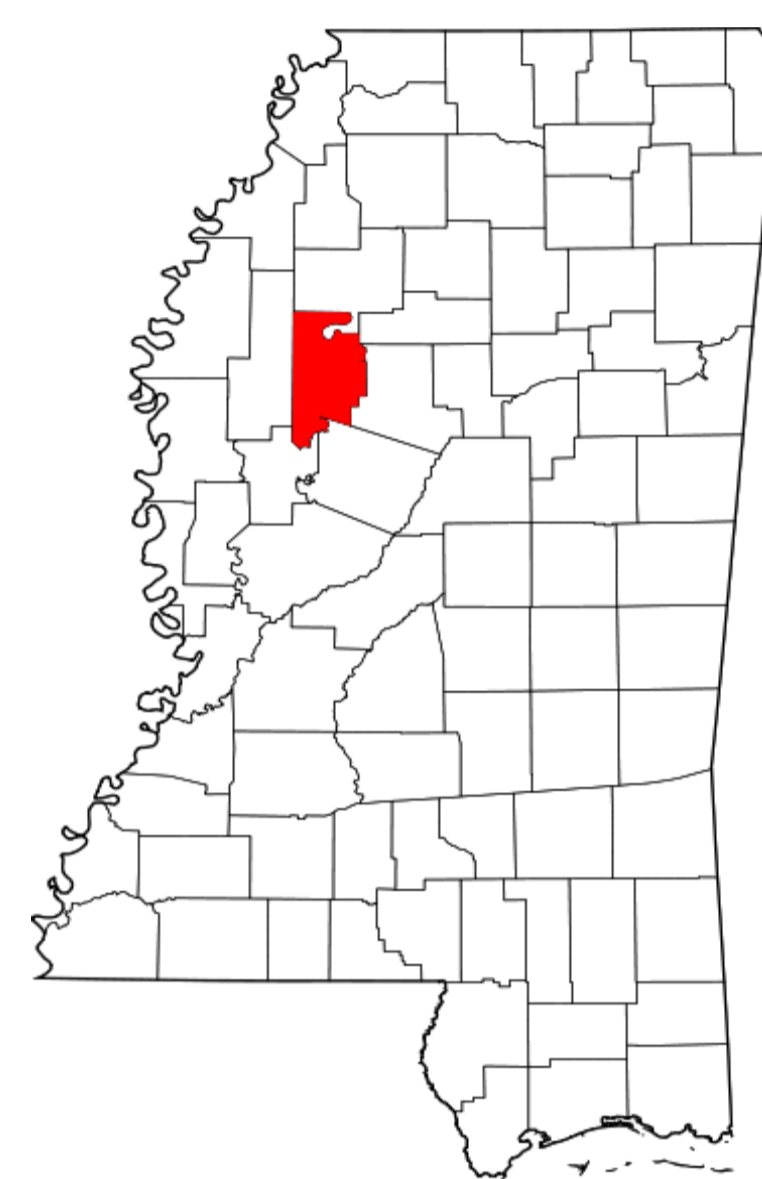


DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 18, 425; declining

Race:

- African-American: 65.4%
- Caucasian:32.8%
- Asian: 0.9%
- American Indian: 0.1%
- Mixed: 0.5%



Age:

Median age: 31.7
69% of population 18 years and over



ECONOMY

Average Household Income: \$21,000

Housing: 60% single-family homes; 35% apartments; 5% mobile homes

Major Employers:

- Viking Range Corp.
- Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp.
- Heartland/America's Catch Catfish
- Greenwood Leflore Hospital

Major Occupations:

- Management, professional, and related occupations: 32%
- Sales and office occupations: 23%
- Production, transportation, and material moving occupations: 22%

EDUCATION

Schools in the Community:

Public: Greenwood High, Greenwood Middle, Threadgill Elementary, Davis Elementary, Bankston Elementary, W.C. Williams Elementary
Private: Pillow Academy, New Delta Preparatory Academy,
Parochial: St. Francis of Assisi Elementary

High School Graduation Rate: 69% of population 25 years and older

Percentage of Students Who Attend College: 40.1% of population 25 years and older

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Religious Places of Worship:

Denominations:
Seventh Day Adventist (2); A.M.E. Methodist (1); Apostolic (3); Assembly of God (1); Baptist (16); Catholic (2); Church of Christ (2); Church of God (8); C.M.E. Methodist (1); Disciples of Christ (2); Episcopal (1); Independent (1); Independent Methodist (1); Latter Day Saints (1); Lutheran (1); Methodist (4); Missionary Baptist (28); Non-Denominational (13); Presbyterian (2)

Civic Organizations:

Women's Clubs (13); Men's Clubs (9); Garden Clubs (5); Community Clubs (2); Federated Women's Clubs (2); Community Services (23)

Recreation Activities:

Each ward has its own park. In addition, Whittington Park is the host for many community functions including concerts, carnivals, family reunions, etc. Hunting and fishing are the primary recreational activities in the area. Soccer at Stribling Park is also popular, as well as little league softball. There is also a bowling alley.

Cultural Activities:

Roy Martin Band Festival, Blues festivals; Cottonlandia Museum exhibits

HEALTH

Providers of health care services:

Leflore County Health Department; Dentists(9); Orthodontist (2); Optometrists (3); GLH; Greenwood Comprehensive Medical Clinic; Delta Surgical Clinic; Early Years Clinic; Greenwood Children's Clinic; Greenwood Leflore Foot Center; Greenwood Neurology Clinic; Greenwood OB/GYN Associates; Greenwood Orthopedic Clinic; Greenwood Pain Management Center; Leflore Specialty Clinic; Magnolia Medical Clinic; North Central Mississippi Ear Nose Throat; North Central Mississippi Neurological Surgical Clinic; GI-Dr. Huey; Leflore Obstetrics Clinic; Cancer Center of Greenwood; Delta Oncology Inc; North Central Mississippi Regional Cancer Center; Greenwood Urology Clinic; The Wound Care Center

Physician services:

Allergy & Immunology Dr. Jeff Lambdin (L)	Pediatrics (L) Dr. Boldon Dr. Huddleston Dr. Noble Dr. Stevens	OB/GYN (L) Dr. Evans Dr. Meek Dr. Price Dr. Sanders Dr. Skaf	Otolaryngology (L) Dr. Michael Carter Dr. Joseph Burnett	Pulmonology Dr. Panchal (L)	Urological Surgery Dr. Hardin (L) Dr. Robbins (L) Dr. Weidon (I)
Cardiology Dr. Abhash Thakur (L)	Internal Medicine (L) Dr. Boler Dr. Flautt Dr. Hines Dr. W. Moses Dr. Shah Dr. Wheeler	Orthopedic Surgery (L) Dr. Bennett Dr. Newell	Pain Management (L) Dr. Abdel-Aziz Dr. Downs	Sleep Disorders Dr. Hey (L)	General Surgery (L) Dr. Gimys Dr. Smith Dr. Thompson
Cardiovascular Surgery Dr. Keith Thompson (L)			Podiatry Dr. Boles (L)	Wound Care Dr. Payne (L)	Psychiatry Dr. Cassada (I)
Family Medicine Dr. Valencia Martin (L) Dr. Charles Nause (L)					

Office visits reported by the primary care physicians:

Specialty	Number of office visits
Family Medicine Dr. Martin + 3 NP Dr. Nause	1250-1500/month 626/month
Pediatrics Dr.'s Boldon/Huddleston/Noble/Stevens + 1 NP	1200-1500/month
Internal Medicine Dr. Boler Dr. Flautt Dr. Hines Dr. W. Moses Dr. Shah Dr. Wheeler	300/month 375-400/month 250/month 150/month 350/month 700-900/month
OB/GYN Dr.'s Price/Sanders/Skaf Dr.'s Evans/Meek	600-650/month unavailable



Community Hospital: Greenwood Leflore Hospital

Services offered: Emergency, cardiology, intensive care, geriatric/psychiatric, surgery, respiratory care, labor & delivery, physical therapy and rehabilitation, subacute nursing unit, sleep disorders center, wellness center, women's diagnostic center, wound care, pediatric surgery, radiology

Nearest Mental Health Facility: Life Help; Greenwood, MS

Home Health Care Services: Complete Health Care Services; Continue Care Home Health & Hospice; Mid-Delta Systems, Inc; Sta-Home Health Agency; Total Healthcare Services

Free Clinic: There is a free clinic, established by E.R. doctor Jeff Moses. It is typically opened twice a month, or whenever the staff is available. Most visits pertain to hypertension.

Homeless Resources: Free clinic

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY

Form of local government: City council and mayor

Water Supply: Greenwood Utilities

- Source:** Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer located 600 - 800 feet below ground level
- Purification:** Chlorination
- Fluoridation:** none

Sewerage Disposal: Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant

Garbage Disposal: Garbage is collected weekly; Landfill; Greenwood Sanitation Department

Police Force: County Sheriff's Department and City Police Department; Understaffed; yet crime rate is relatively low. **Types of crimes reported:** burglary, theft, aggravated assault

Public Transportation: none, except locally owned operators

Occupational Health-Related Problems: Diabetes, Hypertension, Obesity

Environmental Hazards: none



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