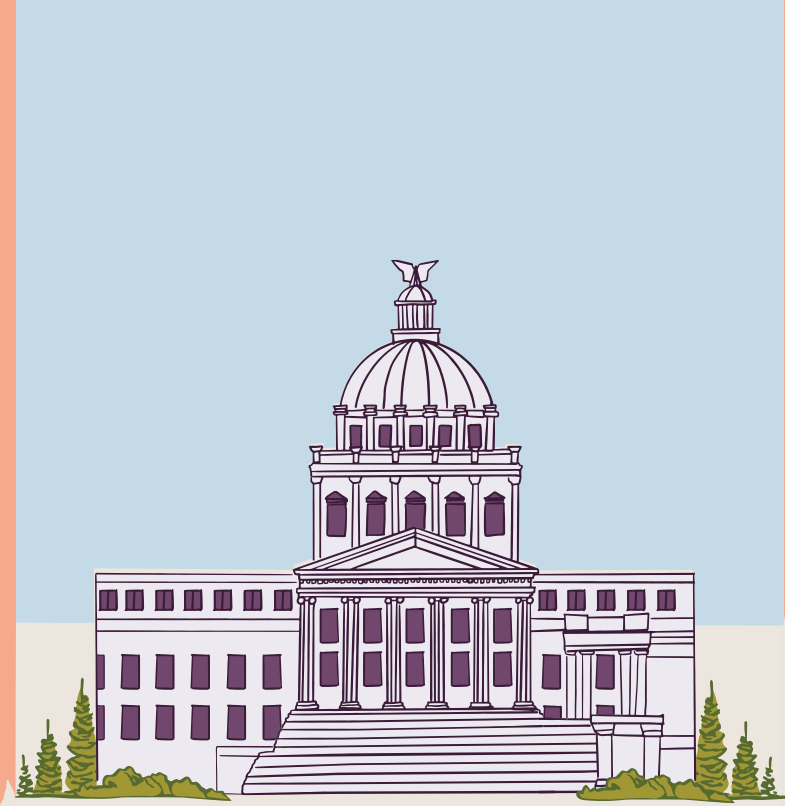




WELCOME HOME
MISSISSIPPI

Why choose Mississippi?

Mississippi is a kaleidoscope of culture and activities. With a cost of living of 14 percent below the national average, it is the most affordable state for retirement. Combine that with its exemption on taxing retirement income, low property taxes and only moderate sales tax, and you'll wonder why you're not already here!



REASONS TO CHOOSE MISSISSIPPI

- Rich History, Extraordinary Culture, Outstanding Cuisine
- Excellent Medical Care
- Average Annual Temperature of 68 Degrees*
- Affordable Housing
- Low Property Taxes
- No State Income Tax on Retirement Income
- Low Cost of Living
- Continuing Education at Local Colleges and Universities

*<https://www.geosciences.msstate.edu/state-climatologist/>

How Do Taxes Apply to Retirees?

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

- Assessed at 10% of true value
- Local tax rate applied to assessed value to determine the tax due annually

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- Under age 65 and not disabled
\$73,510 Home Credit of \$300
- Age 65 and over or disabled
Tax exempt up to \$75,000 true value;
any value over \$75,000 is taxed as other property, i.e.:

\$100,000 TRUE VALUE
\$75,000 EXEMPTIONS

\$25,000 TAXABLE VALUE



A home is valued at \$384,500 and has 2,750 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths.
The approximate cost of taxes with the exemption is:

COUNTY | \$1,035 **CITY | \$2,025**

** Actual tax amounts may vary*

EXAMPLE

Let us
welcome
you home.



Our Certified Cities

ABERDEEN	HATTIESBURG	CLEVELAND
NATCHEZ	NEW ALBANY	MADISON
PICAYUNE	SOUTHAVEN	OXFORD
BRANDON	VICKSBURG	STARKVILLE

For more information,
mississippi.org/welcomehome

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How Do Taxes Apply to Retirees?

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MOTOR VEHICLES

- Sales tax on automobiles and light trucks (10,000 pounds or less): 5%

\$20,000	VEHICLE'S TRUE VALUE
x .30	ASSESSED VALUE
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\$6,000	TAX RATE - 100 MILLS
x .10	TAX DUE
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\$600	
- \$300 Tax Credit ($\$6,000 \times 0.500$) = \$300
- \$300 Ad Valorem Tax Due

SALES TAX

Item Taxed Rate

- Most tangible personal property: 7% **EXAMPLES:** groceries, clothing, appliances and furniture
- Motor Vehicles: 5%
- Certain Services: 7% **EXAMPLES:** auto repair, plumbing, electrical, heating
- **EXEMPTIONS:** Residential water, gas and electricity, prescription drugs, payments made by Medicare and Medicaid, health care services, motor fuels (*subject to 18 cents excise tax per gallon*). No additional sales tax added by municipalities or counties except on hotels, motels, restaurants, and .25 of 1% tax in Tupelo

INCOME TAX

Rates

- 3% on first \$5,000 in taxable income
- 4% on next \$5,000 in taxable income
- 5% on taxable income over \$10,000

Exemptions

- Single: \$6,000/year
- Married (joint or combined): \$12,000/year
- Dependents: \$1,500/year
- Age 65 and over: \$1,500/year

Deductions

- Single: \$2,300/year
- Married (joint or combined): \$4,600/year
- Same as IRS-reduced by state income tax claimed

Exclusions From Taxable Income

- Social Security benefits
- Retirement income (pensions, IRAs, 401Ks, government-deferred compensation)
- Gains on the sale of stock in MS corporations
- Interest income from U.S. or state of MS obligations


Estate, Gift, and Inheritance Tax

- On estates of descendants who died after January 1, 2000, Mississippi Estate Tax is the amount of credit allowed on the Federal Estate Tax Return for state estate taxes paid
- Mississippi has no gift tax or inheritance tax



For All Those Who Are Wanderers At Heart

Imagine a lush landscape dotted with quaint towns and small cities showcasing authentic attractions, soul-stirring food, and toe-tapping live music – it all beautifully collides in Mississippi.



Whether it's the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, the history and architecture found along the banks of the majestic Mississippi River, or the white sands of the Mississippi Gulf Coast calling your name, the Magnolia State boasts over a dozen certified "Welcome Home" communities, making the options for relocating as plentiful as they are unique.

Each vibrant and hospitable community offers a quality of living unmatched anywhere else in the U.S. Plant your feet in the town that gave birth to the King of Rock 'n Roll or the inspirational hometown of literary great William Faulkner. Enjoy our mild, sunny climate with year-round outdoor activities, like golfing, cycling and fishing. Mississippi is full of options for every lifestyle.

MISSISSIPPI RANKS

#1 Most affordable
state in the U.S.
Forbes, 2023

IN THE TOP 5

**Best States
For Retirees**
Bankrate, 2023