

## RESEARCH BRIEFS

- A Research Study of Health-Related Issues at the New Horizon Church International
- Comparison of Mississippi's Educational Accountability Model to Accountability Models in Four Southeastern States
- How Equitable is Mississippi's Educational Accountability System? Findings and Implications
- Examining the Relationship between Revenue, Expenditure, and Service Trends in the City of Jackson (MS)
- Preliminary Research on Martial Arts & Education
- The Mississippi Accountability System Through Research Lens
- Using Innovation to Improve Community Development in Jackson, MS
- A Comparative Analysis of Health Care Access: Policy Implications for Mississippi
- A Preliminary Look at President Trump's Proposed Urban Renewal Agenda
- Relationship Between Students' Academic Performance and Select System Variables
- Citizens' Perceptions Regarding the City of Jackson's Direction
- A Comparison of Obesity across Geographic Areas and Selected Socio-Economic Indicators



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## Mississippi Urban Research Center

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
AND  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

*Improving the Quality of Life through  
Basic and Applied Research*



## MISSION

The Mississippi Urban Research Center conducts basic and applied research into problems and public policy and makes research data available to policymakers, public bodies and officials, urban planners, service providers, private groups, and the lay community. The center offers consultation and general advisory services concerning urban issues and their solutions, and offers instructional and training programs.

Its commitment to building better urban communities and improving the quality of life in Mississippi is demonstrated by:

1.) Offering the widest possible dissemination of research, 2.) The greatest possible opportunities for public scrutiny and interpretation of collected data, and 3.) Engaging policy-makers at the planning stage of the research.

## GOAL

The goal of the Mississippi Urban Research Center is to improve the quality of life in urban areas.

## RESEARCH

MURC's research include a variety of urban-related topics and public policy issues of interest to policy-makers. This research should assist with developing the best solutions to urban issues. Many of MURC's research initiatives involve collaborating with organizations at the national, state, and local levels. Additionally, MURC houses the U.S. Census Information Center (CIC) and serves as an urban issues repository and clearinghouse.

MURC's research publications are disseminated to policymakers, and are available to the general public. Periodically, The Online Journal of Rural and Urban Research issues a call for papers, enabling the publication of timely research from scholars in a variety of disciplines. The MURC Digest targets a single topic, thereby, furthering MURC's mission of solving pressing urban problems.

In addition to the research, MURC conducts training for JSU faculty, staff and students on accessing and utilizing data and services of the U.S. Census Bureau.



## SERVICES

The Mississippi Urban Research Center, an entity of Jackson State University, is located in the capital city of Jackson, Mississippi. Housed in Jackson State's Downtown Campus, MURC operates as a unit of the JSU College of Public Service.

MURC provides the following tailored services:



- Basic and applied research, policy analysis, consultation and general advisory services which contribute to current practices and provide insight on solutions to urban problems
- Program evaluation tailored specifically for proposed and current projects
- Census data research and training for urban planners, policymakers, service providers, as well as the academic and lay communities
- Dissemination of research findings and program information via newsletters, an online peer-reviewed journal, research reports and presentations
- Focus group facilitation services
- Survey development and Implementation Services
- Statistical Analysis Services
- Needs assessment
- Instructional programs, forums, conferences workshops, and technical assistance addressing urban-based issues