



# Mississippi Urban Research Center

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### OVERVIEW

The Mississippi Urban Research Center, an entity of Jackson State University, is located in the capital city of Jackson, Mississippi. Housed in the Jackson Medical Mall, MURC operates as a unit of the JSU College of Public Service. MURC consists of Research and Contractual Services and provides the following 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
- 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
- Needs assessment and analysis
- Program evaluation tailored specifically for proposed and current projects
- Statistical Analysis Laboratory
- Telephone/Mail Survey Research Laboratory

### 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 instructional and training programs.

Its commitment to building better urban communities and improving the quality of life in Mississippi is demonstrated by offering the widest possible dissemination of research and the greatest possible opportunities for public scrutiny and interpretation of collected data.

### HISTORY

The Mississippi Urban Research Center was authorized through Mississippi Senate Bill 2720, which was passed by the Mississippi Legislature in 1983. Its operation was funded by legislative appropriation in July 1994. Since that time, the Center has established itself as a leader in providing specialized assistance to address the unique problems facing Mississippi's urban communities and their leaders, including policymakers and grassroots stakeholders, through research, interpretation and dissemination.

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