



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
- The Impact of COVID-19 on the Incarcerated Mentally Ill Upon Reentry to the Community
- Examining the Relationship between Revenue, Expenditure, and Service Trends in the City of Jackson
- Examining How Minority Farmers Can Effectively Participate in Mississippi's Medical Marijuana Initiative (Special Report)
- Lessons from Flint Part II: A Follow-Up Report Examining Lead Contamination in Twelve Urban Areas
- Using Innovation to Improve Community Development in Jackson, MS
- A Comparative Analysis of Health Care Access: Policy Implications for Mississippi
- East Biloxi Community Collaborative Needs Assessment Summative Final Report
- Relationship Between Students' Academic Performance and Select System Variables
- Citizens' Perceptions Regarding the City of Jackson's Direction
- Incorporating Health-related Policies within Urban Churches: A Strategy for Reducing Health Disparities

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MISSISSIPPI URBAN RESEARCH CENTER



MISSION

The Mississippi Urban Research Center (MURC) conducts basic and applied research into urban 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. In addition, 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,
3. Engaging policymakers at the local, state and national levels.

GOAL

The goal of the Mississippi Urban Research Center (MURC) is to improve the quality of life in Mississippi's urban areas.

RESEARCH

MURC's research includes a variety of urban-related topics and public policy issues of interest to policymakers. This research seeks to develop the best solutions to urban issues. Many of MURC's research initiatives involve collaborating with national, state, and local organizations. In addition, MURC houses a 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 various disciplines. In addition, the MURC Digest and research briefs target a single topic, furthering MURC's mission of researching pressing Urban problems.

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

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 Education and Human Development.



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 into 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 Services
- Instructional programs, forums, conferences, workshops and technical assistance addressing urban-based issues

