

MURC Snapshot

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Mississippi's 15 Largest Cities See Either Minor Growth or Loss Per 2022 Population Estimates

According to 2022 Population Estimates released recently by the U.S. Census Bureau, nine of the nation's 15 fastest-growing cities were in the South.¹ For Mississippi, however, the largest 15 cities within the state saw either minor growth or population loss from 2021 to 2022. The capital city of Jackson had the second biggest population decline (-2.5%), while the city of Southaven saw the biggest growth in population (1.4%).

Percent Change in Population for the Largest Cities or Towns: July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022

Rank	City	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	Percent Difference
1	Jackson	149,727	145,995	-2.5
2	Gulfport	72,220	72,236	--
3	Southaven	55,565	56,360	1.4
4	Biloxi	49,205	49,118	-0.2
5	Hattiesburg	48,482	48,455	-0.1
6	Olive Branch	46,958	47,086	0.3
7	Tupelo	37,825	37,748	-0.2
8	Meridian	34,379	33,816	-1.6
9	Greenville	28,789	28,017	-2.7
10	Madison	27,726	27,775	0.2
11	Pearl	27,364	27,682	1.2
12	Clinton	27,461	26,996	-1.7
13	Horn Lake	26,768	26,550	-0.8
14	Oxford	26,015	26,437	1.6
15	Brandon	25,406	25,502	0.4

Source: <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/population-shifting-in-cities-or-towns-2021.html>

The table above contains the changes in population (including the percentage change) for the 15 largest Mississippi cities. The changes for these cities seem to be in contrast to the national trend.

¹ https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2023/subcounty-metro-micro-estimates.html?utm_campaign=20230519msdvzs1ccdtanl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery