

STATISTICAL REPORT ON FORREST COUNTY

In 1960, Forrest County had a population of 52,722.

Average of 112.4 persons per square mile in the county, but 46.1 per square mile when compared to the state as a whole.

Forrest County's population is 2.4% of the total state population.

Compared to 1940, the 1950 population figures represent:

An increase of 10,154, or 29.2%.

Between 1950 and 1960, the population of Forrest County increased by 7,667, or 17.0%.

In the decade ending 1960, Forrest County's urban areas increased 32.3%, while the state had an overall increase of 35.2% in urban areas.

In this same period, however, the rural population of Forrest County decreased only 11.9% compared to a general state decrease in rural population of 13.6%.

The population of Hattiesburg increased 40.2% from 1940 to 1950, and 18.7% between 1950 and 1960.

In 1960, 72% of the population of Forrest County was made up of whites, and 28% of non-whites.

The increase in households in Forrest County during the decade ending 1960 was 14,179.

The total labor force in Forrest County in 1960 was 18,979, or 36.0% of the total population of the county.

Females made up 37.6% of the labor force in 1960, and 30.3% in 1950.

In 1961, 6.7% of the labor force was unemployed. In preceding years, the unemployment percentages were:

1960--5.6%

1959--5.4%

1958--5.4%

1957--5.1%

1950--4.3%

ECONOMIC DISTRIBUTION:

Median wages and salary by color, 1961: whites--\$5,570
non-whites--\$2,908

Non-white income as a percentage of whites: 52.20%

Difference between whites and non-whites: \$2,662.

Median income of families, by region and color, 1960:

	whites	non-whites	difference
south	\$5,009	\$4,371	\$1,947
west	\$6,444	\$4,937	\$1,507

POPULATION CHANGES BY RACE AND RESIDENCE, STATE AND FORREST COUNTY
1940-1960

Forrest County Total Population:

Year	Total	Urban--%	Non-farm--%	Rural--%	Total--%
1960	52,722	30,996; 74.0	12,070; 22.9	1,654; 3.1	13,726; 26.0
1950	45,055	29,474; 65.4	10,068; 22.3	5,513; 12.3	15,584; 34.5
1940	34,901	21,026; 60.2	7,023; 29.1	6,852; 19.6	13,875; 39.8

State Total Population:

1960	2,178,141	820,805; 37.7	814,497; 37.4	542,839; 24.9	1,357,336; 62.3
1950	2,178,914	607,162; 27.7	474,545; 21.8	1,097,207; 50.4	1,571,729; 72.1
1940	2,183,796	432,832; 19.8	351,030; 16.1	1,399,884; 64.1	1,750,914; 80.2

Forrest County White Population:

1960	37,970	27,677; 72.9	9,001; 23.7	1,292; 3.4	10,293; 27.1
1950	32,090	19,497; 60.8	7,955; 24.8	4,638; 14.5	12,593; 39.2
1940	23,963	13,256; 55.3	5,415; 22.6	5,292; 22.1	10,707; 44.7

State White Population:

1960	1,257,407	525,594; 41.8	400,074; 38.8	243,737; 19.4	731,813; 58.2
1950	1,108,632	374,320; 31.5	312,108; 26.3	502,204; 42.3	814,312; 63.2
1940	1,106,327	254,533; 23.0	227,899; 20.6	623,893; 56.4	851,789; 77.0

Forrest County Non-white Population:

1960	14,752	11,319; 76.7	3,071; 20.8	362; 2.5	3,433; 23.2
1950	12,965	9,977; 77.0	2,113; 16.3	375; 6.7	2,908; 23.0
1940	10,933	7,770; 71.0	1,603; 14.7	1,560; 14.3	3,163; 29.0

1959-63 Non-white Population:

1960:	920,734	295,211; 32.1	326,421; 35.5	299,102; 32.5	625,523; 67.9
1950:	990,232	232,342; 23.5	162,437; 16.4	595,003; 60.1	757,440; 76.5
1940:	1,077,469	178,344; 16.6	123,131; 11.4	775,994; 72.0	899,125; 83.4

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN FORREST COUNTY AND MISS., 1960

Forrest Co. Pop.	white		non-white	
	Mississippi Pop.	% change from 1950	Forrest Co. Pop.	Mississippi Pop.
52,722	2,178,141	+17.0	18,127	682,339
		-.01		-4.7

FORREST COUNTY BIRTHS, DEATHS,

Year	Births			Deaths			Total	White	Non-white
	Total	White	Non-white	Total	White	Non-white			
1960	1271	803	468	525	312	213	746	491	255
1950	1231	803	428	396	243	153	385	560	325

MEDIAN YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER, 1940-1960, BY RESIDENCE AND SEX FOR FORREST COUNTY AND MISSISSIPPI

	Forrest County			Mississippi			change Co.	Miss.
	1960	1950	1940	1960	1950	1940		
Total	11.0	9.9	8.8	8.9	8.1	7.1	+2.2	+1.3
Male	10.6	9.3	8.4	8.6	7.7	6.8	+2.2	+1.8
Female	11.2	10.3	9.1	9.3	8.4	7.7	+2.1	+1.6
Urban male	11.4	9.9	8.9	10.6	9.1	8.4	+2.5	+2.2
Urban female	11.7	11.0	9.7	11.0	10.0	8.9	+2.0	+2.1
Rural	9.4	9.1	8.1	8.4	7.5	6.6	+1.3	+1.8
Farm	9.0	8.8	8.0	8.1	6.9	6.2	+1.0	+1.9
Non-farm	9.4	9.3	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.0	+1.0	+0.6

Sources: U.S. Census of Population