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STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

MISSISSIPPI



HIGHLIGHTS

In Mississippi, Byrne JAG state funding has assisted with numerous innovative initiatives and supports:

- Implementation of 12 new adult and juvenile drug court dockets throughout the state and implementation assistance available through the Mississippi Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP). In addition to certification, MADCP will ensure that the dockets are implemented with fidelity to the national drug court model.
- Six task forces throughout the state. As part of the state's strategic plan, 2013 was the last year task forces were funded with Byrne JAG funds.
- Equipment and technology purchases for 80 small to medium law enforcement agencies. Some of the most common purchases include bulletproof vests, tasers, patrol cars, in-car computers, radios, and repeaters.
- Implementation of hot-spot policing in the state's mid-sized high-crime cities. Funds go to the cities of Corinth, Oxford, D'Iberville, and Starkville. This effort is part of a State Administering Agency-driven multiyear funding strategy to help local law enforcement implement evidence-based practices and improve its capacity to use data to address public safety.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Mississippi Department of Public Safety,
Division of Public Safety Planning
Captain Donald McCain, Executive Director
<http://www.dps.state.ms.us/>

BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$3 million* in state and local funds to Mississippi.

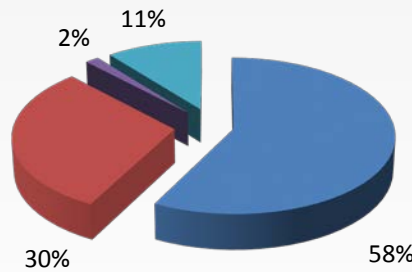
Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$1,994,605
Justice Assistance Grant Program—19 Local Awards	\$630,411
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$530,314

Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

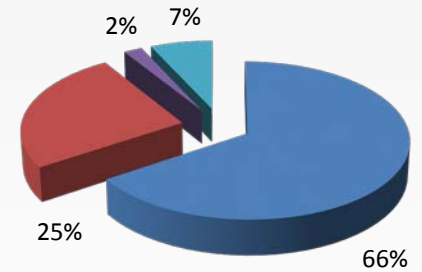
*This amount does not include funding for national training and technical assistance programs that benefit all states and territories.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS

Law Enforcement Agencies: 66



Sworn Officers: 2,903



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Report \(2013\)](#)

- More than 71% of the 66 law enforcement agencies in Mississippi have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 28% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

Note: Police employee data were not received from the State Police/Highway Patrol/Department of Public Safety. Detail may sum to more than 100% due to rounding.

OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 14 officers were feloniously killed (2 in 2013) and 13 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 100 officers were assaulted (0.20% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

Total Population: 2,991,207
Population Under 18: 737,432
Population Over 65: 416,300
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

State Investigative Agency:
 Mississippi Department of Public Safety
 Albert Santa Cruz, Commissioner

Local Governments: 983
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

Federally Recognized Tribes: 1
 Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

U.S. Attorneys' Offices:
 Felicia C. Adams—*Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford*
 Gregory K. Davis—*Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson*
 Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

Homeland Security Agency:
 Mississippi Office of Homeland Security
 Everett L. Barnes, Jr., Executive Director
<http://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov>

Drug Courts: 49
 Source: [National Drug Court Resource Center](#)

CRIME TRENDS

According to the FBI Annual Report, nationwide violent crime in 2013 decreased more than 4% from the 2012 estimates. Below are the current crime trends for Mississippi:

Crime	2012	2013	%
Violent Crime	7,786	8,214	5.50
Murder and Manslaughter	220	195	-11.36
Forcible Rape*	822	1,645	N/A
Robbery	2,284	2,409	5.47
Aggravated Assault	4,460	4,680	4.93
Property Crime	83,906	81,500	-2.87
Burglary	28,076	24,995	-10.97
Larceny-Theft	51,508	52,117	1.18
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,322	4,388	1.53

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

*Agencies within this state submitted rape data according to both the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape and the legacy UCR definition of rape.

ARREST DATA

In 2013, total arrests (72,824) decreased 22.84% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests decreased 18.56% (1,404), and property-related arrests decreased 13.00% (8,978).
 Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

COURT STRUCTURE

Court of Last Resort: Supreme Court
Intermediate Appellate: Court of Appeals
General Jurisdiction: Circuit Court
Limited Jurisdiction: County Court; Municipal Court; Justice Court
 Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2011\)](#)

CORRECTIONS

Prisoner Admissions: 8,105
Prisoner Releases: 8,201
Total Prisoners: 21,969
 Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2013\)](#)

Major Correctional Facilities: 3 state prisons, 15 regional facilities, 4 private prisons
Recidivism Rate*: 27.65%
Top Offenses: Property, robbery, sex offense (FY 2014)
 Source: [Mississippi Department of Corrections](#)
 *Return to custody within 3 years of release.

REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)

The Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC), a RISS Center, serves Mississippi. There are 172 Mississippi criminal justice agencies that are members of ROCIC.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)