

Tishomingo County Update

2019 Partners in Progress

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A & B Distributing
Ables Real Estate
City of Belmont
Robert Belue
Bestway, Inc.
BMSI, Inc.
Eddie Bobo Gunsmithing
Brooks Grocery
Jackie & Burnette Bryant
City of Burnsville
Burnsville Tire
Community Spirit Bank
Cook Coggin Engineers
Cooper Marine & Timberlands
Corinth Coca Cola Bottling
Cornelison Law Office
Cornerstone Insurance & Financial
Country Squire Restaurant
D. L. Cutshall & Sons Logging
Cutshall Funeral Home
Neil Davis
Dead Serious Security
Deaton Funeral Home
Dennis Country Store
Fairless Hardware
Ralph & Dorothy Farr
Fidelity National Loans
First American Insurance Services
First Franklin Financial Corp
G & G Steel Mississippi Works
Gatlin's Pharmacy
Harold Gist
City of Golden
Dr. Phillip Gray
James T. Grisham
Robert Grisham
Hampton Inn of Corinth
Harbin Heating & Air Conditioning
Highpoint Timber Management
Hometown Pizza Belmont
Industrial Electronics Repair
International Converter/NOVOLEX
City of Iuka
John's Garage/J&S Auto Sales
Malcolm Kuykendall
Dr. Ben Kitchens
Littrell Lumber Mill
Grace Long Real Estate
Max Home LLC
Jena McNatt
Mike & Dennie McRee



TISHOMINGO COUNTY RANKS TOP THREE IN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. Each year the Mississippi Department of Revenue ranks each county based on unemployment rate and per capita income compared to the other 81 counties.

In 2019, Tishomingo County was ranked # 37, an increase from # 32 in 2018, and a increase from # 14 in 2009 (higher numbers indicate lower unemployment and higher per capita income).

The data document that Tishomingo County is making substantial economic progress. In fact, the improvement in employment and per capita income for Tishomingo County over the past ten years exceeds the economic improvement of all other counties in Mississippi except two (Webster and Tippah).

With less than 20,000 citizens, a high percentage of the working age population not in the workforce, and a high percentage of retired and disabled persons, Tishomingo County faces substantial challenges, especially with lack of available labor, job skills, rental and owner housing, and home-owned businesses. More effort is required to address these issues to prevent the county from sliding backwards.

You can learn more about the ranking system at www.dor.ms.gov/Individual/Pages/County-Rankings.aspx.

You can find the 2018 annual report on the economy of Tishomingo County at www.tishomingo.org/PDFs/2018%20Annual%20Report.pdf.

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Mississippi Medical Associates
Toney Mobley
Mike Montgomery
Moore Automotive Supply
Mike Nelson Contractors
Scott Nunley
Office Pro
City of Paden
Peden's Prop Shop
Dr. Jim Perkins, Iuka Animal Clinic
Petals & Pearls
Pickwick Cabin Rentals
Pickwick Premier Properties
Plant Process Support
Billy Rainey
Sids Trading Company
Silver Dollar Sales
Skyline Steel
Southern Forestry, Inc.
Sparks CPA Firm, PC
The Family Resource Center
Tennessee Valley Authority
City of Tishomingo
Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors
Universal Faith Missions & Southwind A&D
Viva la Casita Mexican Restaurant
Mack & Jeanette Wadkins
Beth Booker White
Wiley Discount Tobacco & Beverages, Inc.
Quaye Yarber
Dan & Betty Young

**2019 TISHOMINGO COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
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Economic Development Authority
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Royal Witcher

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Jimmie Seago
Butler Whitehead
Tommy Williams

**2019 TISHOMINGO COUNTY
TOURISM COUNCIL:**

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Mary Ann Grant, Chair
Sandra Medlin
Leigh Ann Robertson
Buddy Wiltshire
Theresa Cutshall, Administrator
Jim Gibson, Part-time Assistant



PETALS AND PEARLS. A ribbon cutting was held for Petals and Pearls on January 17, 2019. Owner Savannah Cumber reported that “we have wanted for a long time to open a quality business in a quality building to serve our friends and neighbors. Petals and Pearls is a full service florist, gift shop, boutique shop, and we also offer custom vinyl and monogramming. We want to thank Jamie Sparks Construction for doing a first class job in renovating the building. We plan to grow the business in the near future with our wholesale jewelry business upstairs.”

Petals and Pearls is located at 106 Main Street in downtown Belmont. The telephone number is 662-660-2364. Open hours are 9 AM to 4 PM Monday thru Friday and 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday. Find us on Facebook.



MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL ASSOCIATES. A ribbon cutting was held for the new urgent and primary care clinic of Mississippi Medical Associates on February 1 in Belmont.

Founder Edric Parrish reported that “the Belmont Urgent and Primary Care Clinic will open February 4, 2019. There will be two experienced nurse practitioners who will offer both urgent and primary health care. We offer the best in medical services such as x-rays, sutures, MDOT physicals, and many other medical-related services. We strive to treat you like family and get you in and out as quickly as possible.”

Mississippi Medical Associates urgent care clinic is located at 8 Front Street. The hours are Monday thru Saturday 8 AM to 6 PM and Sunday from 1 PM to 4 PM. The telephone number is 662-454-1170.



Tishomingo County Development Foundation, Tishomingo County's public/private economic development team:

- 2,300 jobs & over \$380 million in private investment over the past 10 years.
- Rated TOP TEN industrial sites in the southern USA in 2012.
- Rated TOP TEN rural sites in the southern USA for reshored industry in 2013.
- National Economic Development INNOVATION AWARDS in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2018.
- Rated TOP TEN "Comeback Kids" in the southern USA in 2015.
- TCDF rated one of the best economic development agencies in the southern USA in 2015.
- Tishomingo County rated among the top three counties in the USA in cost efficient government in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.
- In 2017 Tishomingo County rated 1st in the south for new manufacturing jobs per capita.

We still have a lot of work to do, but just about every citizen has family or friends working at one of the companies that have been recruited to, or has expanded in, Tishomingo County. Most businesses have customers that get their paychecks from these companies, or sell products or services to these companies.

Everyone benefits from economic development, especially the school system that receives significant tax revenue from economic development projects.

Be sure to thank our TCDF Partners in Progress and do business with those businesses that support economic development. A listing of these partners is on the front page of this update. You can learn more about these community minded businesses at http://www.tishomingo.org/pdf_docs/Partners%20in%20Progress.pdf.

Remember to thank our TCDF, TCEDA, and TCTC board member volunteers who serve the community without compensation.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY RESTAURANT & DELI GUIDE. (Area code 662)

Belmont-Golden-Dennis:

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| Belmont Cafe | 15 Third Street | 479-5022 |
| Cardinal Shack (seasonal) | Highway 25 | 443-2663 |
| Chevron Deli | 200 Highway 25 | 454-9883 |
| Costa Oaxaquena | 118 Main Street | 454-7373 |
| Dennis Country Store Deli (new) | 739 Highway 25, Dennis | 454-4029 |
| Dixie Queen | 291 Highway 25 | 454-1166 |
| El Rinconcito del Sabor | 730 Highway 25, Dennis | 891-8536 |
| Express Mart Deli | 383 Highway 25 | 454-7242 |
| Golden Mini-Mart Deli | 216 Front Street | 454-0012 |
| Hometown Pizza | 7 Yarber Street | 454-0202 |
| La Jarochita Deli | Highway 25 | 479-5025 |
| Ole Country Store Deli | 126A Highway 25 | 454-7920 |
| Piggly Wiggly Deli | 326 Highway 25 | 454-7163 |
| Higginbottom's Restaurant | 751 Highway 25, Dennis | 454-3771 |
| Sonic Drive In | 291 Highway 25 | 454-3070 |
| Sparks Restaurant | 306 Highway 25 | 454-7816 |
| Subway | 361 Highway 25 | 454-3228 |
| Texaco Deli | 459 Highway 25 | 479-5041 |
| The Q | 219 Highway 25 | 454-9500 |
| Thomas's Fish Place | 126 Highway 25 | 454-7188 |

Burnsville:

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| 72 Express Deli | 281B Highway 72 | 427-9600 |
| El Corral | 345 Highway 72 | 279-6991 |
| Hometown Pizza | 343 Highway 72 | 360-4019 |
| Ramjet's | 290 Highway 72 | 427-0030 |
| Waterway Grill (temporarily closed) | 314 Highway 72 | 427-0904 |

Iuka:

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| Aqua Yacht Grill (seasonal) | 3832 Highway 25 | 423-5811 |
| Bi An Garden | 405 Battleground Drive | 593-5085 |
| BJ's Corner | 802 Constitution Drive | 424-0038 |
| Bread & Butter | 100 Front Street | 740-8899 |
| Chuck Wagon | 715 Constitution Drive | 423-1811 |
| Country Squire | 459 County Road 172 | 423-9984 |
| Crossroads One Stop | 3394 Highway 25 | 423-6555 |
| Donna's Italian Beef | 509 Constitution Drive | 423-3326 |
| El Picante | 1717 West Quitman | 423-7224 |
| El Picante 2 | 1103 Battleground Drive | 423-3708 |
| Express Stop Deli | 1716 Battleground Drive | 423-2664 |
| Front Street Snack Bar | 108 West Front Street | 423-2494 |
| Farmhouse | 1308 Battleground Drive | 593-5015 |
| Hardee's | 1610 First American Drive | 423-1008 |
| Heavenly Yogurt | 115 South Fulton Street | 424-0202 |
| Hometown Pizza | 621 Battleground Drive | 593-3036 |
| Jack's | 1711 Battleground Drive | 423-2429 |
| LBJ's Snack Shack (seasonal) | 408 County Road 321 | 660-3677 |
| Lil' Smokies | 1209 West Quitman Street | 424-0268 |
| McDonald's | 1712 Battleground Drive | 424-9588 |
| Piggly Wiggly Deli | 627 Battleground Drive | 423-3651 |
| Sonic Drive In | 1660 West Quitman | 423-9100 |
| Santa Fe Mexican | 707 Battleground Drive | 593-5040 |
| Sprint Mart Deli | 1000 West Quitman | 423-9827 |
| Subway | 509 Battleground Drive | 423-0088 |
| Taste Buds | 1530 Constitution Drive | 279-6470 |

Paden:

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| Rooster's | 3460 Mississippi Avenue | 438-6591 |
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| Inez's | 1502 Highway 25 North | 438-6486 |
| Jekyll & Hyde Market, Bar, & Grill (opening March 2018) | Highway 25 S | 438-0061 |
| Martyville Deli | 1379 Highway 25 North | 438-6987 |
| T & M's Country Kitchen | 1253 Highway 25 | 423-8712 |
| Taqueria Mexican | 1228 Highway 25 | 891-8536 |



FAMILIES FIRST RESOURCE CENTER. The services of Families First for Mississippi include promote literacy; accredited high school; teach parenting skills; positive Youth Development Classes for ages 13 to 17; Child in the Middle Program; addiction assessments and education; provide job readiness; improve job skills; finding jobs or better jobs; and generally, filling gaps left by other social programs.

Tishomingo County has a local resource person. Services are free and confidential. Please refer potential clients to Tonya McAnally at 662-423-3838 or e-mail tcmanally@frcnms.org.



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

Opportunities for Independence

REHABILITATION SERVICES. Tishomingo County has one of the highest rates of disability in the state. Thousands of Mississippians with disabilities are employed each year through the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. No-cost services to individuals include helping discover what jobs you like; determining what type of work you are good at doing; obtaining the training you need; offering specialized help that you may need to do your job; and assisting with college expenses.

MDRS works with businesses to promote diversity in the workplace; provide a job ready workforce; and to provide no-cost resources and training. No-cost services to businesses include referral of job ready candidates; technical assistance; job coaching; follow-up support; Work Opportunity Tax Credit; on-the-job training; and job site accommodations and building accessibility evaluations.

MDRS also operates 15 facilities across the state called AbilityWorks which provide employment and training to Mississippians with disabilities through sub-contacts with businesses. AbilityWorks rates are very competitive and provide flexible resources to businesses and industries.

For more information, visit www.mdrs.ms.gov or contact Heather Collums at 662-844-9634 or hcollums@mdrs.ms.gov.

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

JOB LISTINGS. The majority of the industries in Tishomingo County are seeking skilled and/or trainable workers. Some of these jobs are listed on the Mississippi Department of Employment Security web site. Go to <http://mdes.ms.gov/>, click on "I need a job and Find a job now" and then type in your zip code or city. The INDEED web site also lists local job openings at www.indeed.com.

Manufacturing jobs nowadays are different from the manufacturing jobs of just 20 years ago. Most manufacturing processes are automated and in buildings that are clean and climate controlled. Jobs in manufacturing and construction trades often pay more than jobs that require a college degree.

BEST OF THE NEW



Tishomingo County



"Award Winning Public Private Partnership"

**Tishomingo County Development Authority
Tishomingo County Development Foundation
Tishomingo County Tourism Council**

www.tishomingo.org | www.tishomingofunhere.org

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