Mississippi

The marine economy is defined as those businesses whose existence depends on the oceans or Great Lakes. The economic data found here helps leaders better understand trends and consider the needs of these businesses when making decisions about the future of the coast. Six sectors make up the marine economy: marine construction, offshore mineral extraction, tourism and recreation, living resources, ship and boat building, and marine transportation.

The Big Picture

Mississippi's Marine Economy in 2019

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The Details

Largest Employment Sector: Tourism and recreation employs 49% of the state’s marine economy

Largest GDP Sector: Ship and boat building produces 55% of the total gross domestic product (GDP) derived from the state’s marine economy

High Earners: The average wage of marine economy employees in Mississippi is $38,842, which is lower than the state average ($40,687). Ship and boat building has the highest average wage per employee at $67,141.

National Ranking: Mississippi is ranked 24 out of 30 coastal states for marine employment, and 24 out of 30 coastal states for GDP

Top County: Employment Jackson County, Mississippi, is home to 47% of marine jobs in Mississippi

Top County: GDP Jackson County, Mississippi, produces 61% of the marine economy’s gross domestic product in Mississippi

Mississippi's Marine Economy

1,137 Businesses
33,905 Employees
$1.3 billion Wages
$2.4 billion GDP

LEGEND (1 CELL = 1%)
- Living Resources
- Marine Transportation
- Ship and Boat Building
- Marine Construction
- Offshore Mineral Resources
- Tourism and Recreation

A Decade of Change (2009-2019)

11% Businesses
Mississippi had an increase of 113 marine businesses, which was an increase of 11% over the past decade.

3% Employees
Mississippi had an increase of 921 marine jobs, an increase of 3% over the past decade.

4% Average Wages
On average, an employee working in Mississippi's marine economy made $38,842 in 2019, compared to an average wage of $37,192 in 2009. The marine economy average wage in Mississippi had an increase of 4%.

11% Gross Domestic Product
The value of Mississippi's marine economy had an increase of 11% over the past decade. Changes in GDP can be driven by volatility of the price of resources.