

Mississippi Deserves Better

The facts our leaders don't want you to see.

Not paid for by any campaign. Just a concerned Mississippian.

♥ LIFE & DEATH

70.9 years

Shortest life expectancy in America
Hawaii: 80.7 years — nearly 10 years longer

9.7 per 1,000

Infant deaths — highest rate in a decade
State declared a public health emergency in 2025

Nearly half

of MS counties are maternity care deserts
Moms can't find a hospital to deliver their babies

⚠️ CRIME

70%

of violent crimes go unsolved
Victims get no justice

217 murders

in 2024 alone

Only 52%

of murders are ever solved
Nearly half of killers walk free

⚕️ HEALTHCARE

STILL

hasn't expanded Medicaid
1 of only 10 states that refuse

House voted 99-20 FOR it

Leadership blocked it anyway
Federal gov pays 90% — state would SAVE money

15%

preterm birth rate (national avg: 10.4%)
Babies are being born too soon

⚙️ PRISONS

661 per 100K

locked up — #1 incarceration rate in America
Higher than every democratic country on Earth

48%

of people in jail haven't been convicted
They just can't afford bail

\$459 Million

taxpayer cost per year to lock people up

⚠️ MORE PROBLEMS

20%

of the state has no broadband internet

\$3,833-\$7,459

average yearly home insurance cost

Only 21%

of kids under 5 have childcare support

0 grocery stores

in many Delta communities
Entire towns with nowhere to buy fresh food

\$24K vs \$4,832

spent per prisoner/yr vs per Pre-K student/yr
We spend 5x more to lock people up than to educate kids

#1 in the Nation

MS Pre-K ranked best for quality
Proof we CAN do things right when we invest

🎒 SCHOOLS

Dead Last

in teacher pay — \$53,704 average
National average: \$74,495

6,907

school staff vacancies — up 1,747 from last year
Kids are losing teachers every year

1 in 4

children lives in poverty
How can kids learn when they can't eat?

💰 MONEY & JOBS

\$7.25/hr

minimum wage — unchanged since 2009
That's \$15,080/year before taxes

\$45,400

median pay — lowest in all 50 states
National median: \$60,700

508,000

Mississippians live in poverty (17.8%)

★ WELFARE

\$94 MILLION

stolen in the TANF welfare scandal
Money meant for the poorest families in America

Only 4%

of eligible families actually get help
National average: 21%

\$260/mo

max benefit for a family of 3
That's \$8.67 a day for an entire family

✂️ TAX CUTS

\$2.7 BILLION/yr

lost revenue from eliminating state income tax
Money that could fund schools, roads & hospitals

\$41,420 vs \$42

Top 1% get \$41,420/yr tax cut — Bottom 20% get just \$42/yr
That's a 1,000-to-1 difference

18.4¢ → 27.5¢

Gas tax INCREASED per gallon to help pay for it
Working families pay more at the pump

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **VOTE** — Especially in state and local elections. They affect your life the most.
2. **CALL** your state legislators — Tell them what you expect.
3. **SHARE** this with your neighbors, family, and church.
4. **SHOW UP** — Go to town halls and city council meetings.
5. **DEMAND RESULTS** — Not excuses. Not promises. Results.

“This is not about Republican or Democrat. It’s about whether our leaders are doing their jobs.”

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