
DeSoto County Area Data

Hernando is a city in central DeSoto County, Mississippi, United States. The population was 14,090 at the 2010 census, up from 6,812 at the 2000 census. Hernando is the county seat of DeSoto County, the second-most-populous county in the Memphis metropolitan area. U.S. Route 51 and the I-55 freeway traverse the city from north to south, and the I-69 freeway crosses the city from east to west. Hernando's historic downtown square, which surrounds the county courthouse, sits at the intersection of Commerce Street and U.S. 51.

As of the census of 2000, there were 6,812 people, 2,482 households, and 1,809 families residing in the city. The population density was 603.0 people per square mile. There were 2,720 housing units at an average density of 240.8 per square mile. The racial makeup of the city was 76.35% White, 21.48% African American, 0.15% Native American, 0.66% Asian, 0.78% from other races, and 0.59% from two or more races. Hispanics or Latinos of any race was 3.04% of the population.

There were 2,482 households out of which 35.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 55.2% were married couples living together, 13.4% had a female householder with no husband present, and 27.1% were non-families. 22.9% of all households were made up of individuals and 8.5% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.60 and the average family size was 3.05.

In the city the population was spread out with 25.9% under the age of 18, 9.4% from 18 to 24, 30.9% from 25 to 44, 22.0% from 45 to 64, and 11.7% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 34 years. For every 100 females there were 98.8 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 97.5 males.

DeSoto County is a county located in the U.S. state of Mississippi. DeSoto County is part of the Metropolitan Memphis (TN-AR-MS) Statistical Area. Its county seat is Hernando. It is part of the Mississippi Delta.

As of 2000, the population was 107,199. By 2010, the county had grown to a population of 161,252. It is now the third most populous county in Mississippi and the second most populous county in metro Memphis.

As of the census of 2005 estimate, there were 137,004 people, 38,792 households, and 30,102 families residing in the county. The population density was 224 people per square mile (87/km²). There were 40,795 housing units at an average density of 85 per square mile. The racial makeup of the county was 85.78% White, 11.40% Black or African American, 0.28% Native American, 0.62% Asian, 0.04% Pacific Islander, 1.13% from other races, and 0.76% from two or more races. 2.35% of the population was Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 38,792 households out of which 39.40% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 61.70% were married couples living together, 11.60% had a female householder with no husband present, and 22.40% were non-families. 18.10% of all households were made up of individuals and 5.60% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.75 and the average family size was 3.11.

In the county, the population was spread out with 28.20% under the age of 18, 8.20% from 18 to 24, 32.70% from 25 to 44, 22.10% from 45 to 64, and 8.90% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 34 years. For every 100 females, there were 98.00 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 95.00 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$48,206, and the median income for a family was \$53,590. Males had a median income of \$38,032 versus \$26,474 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$20,468. 7.10% of the population and 5.60% of families were below the poverty line. 8.30% are under the age of 18 and 9.50% are 65 or older.

DeSoto County had the second highest per capita income in the State of Mississippi.