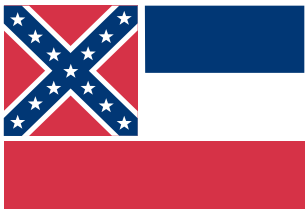CAPITAL	Jackson
AREA	47,689 sq mi 123,515 sq km
POPULATION	2,730,501 (July 1997 est.)
MAJOR CITIES	Jackson (192,923), Gulfport (64,829), Biloxi (48,414), Hattiesburg (47,803), Greenville (42,933)
MAJOR RIVERS	Mississippi, Pearl, Yazoo, Tallahatchie, Tombigbee
HIGHEST POINT	Woodall Mt. 806 feet 246 meters
INDUSTRY	clothing, furniture, wood products, food processing, electrical equipment, transportaton equipment
AGRICULTURE	cotton, poultry, beef cattle, catfish, soybeans, dairy products, rice
RESOURCES	petroleum, natural gas, crushed stone, construction sand and gravel