

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Updated August 25, 2020

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Mississippi State Department of Health continue to closely monitor the outbreak of respiratory illnesses caused by the novel (new) coronavirus COVID-19, and are working to limit the spread of cases nationally and in Mississippi. MSDH is actively working with doctors and hospitals to quickly identify cases and respond effectively to limit this outbreak.



Home isolation is mandatory if you have tested positive for COVID-19 by [order of the State Health Officer](#). If you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, quarantine is also important to protect others.

► What you should do

If you are awaiting results of **routine testing** not related to exposure, you may [return to work](#) and follow the safety guidance of your employer.

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Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline (7 days a week, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.): **877-978-6453**

Mississippi's hospital system is overloaded by the additional burden of COVID-19 patients. If we don't start making changes now, we'll be forced to make cruel calculations later about who gets the medical care they need, and who does not.

K-12 extracurricular events: New Governor's orders for safety. [More details »](#)

MSDH Guidelines for K-12 Reopening During COVID-19: Assessing risk, preventive measures, responding to outbreaks. [Document and resources »](#)

Report a restaurant not following COVID-19 safety orders: E-mail the details to food@msdh.ms.gov

Face coverings are required by order of the Governor for all Mississippians in [schools](#), businesses and indoor public spaces, and in outdoor public spaces where consistent social distancing is not possible. [Details and exceptions »](#)

General Information

► [Overview, questions and answers, handouts, and information in other languages](#)

COVID-19 in Mississippi

New Cases and Deaths as of August 24

NEW CASES

801

New COVID-19 positive test results reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday.

NEW DEATHS

67

New COVID-19 related deaths reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. yesterday.

County	Total
Adams	2
Calhoun	1
Copiah	1
DeSoto	1
Grenada	2
Harrison	1
Hinds	3
Holmes	2
Humphreys	1
Jackson	2
Lafayette	2
Lauderdale	1
Lawrence	1
Leake	1
Lee	1

County	Total
Leflore	2
Lincoln	2
Lowndes	2
Madison	1
Montgomery	1
Neshoba	2
Noxubee	1
Pearl River	1
Quitman	1
Rankin	3
Sharkey	1
Simpson	1
Sunflower	1
Tate	1
Warren	1
Yalobusha	1

* **23** confirmed COVID-19 related deaths between July 1 and August 17, identified from death certificate reports.

County	Total
Coahoma	2
DeSoto	2
Harrison	1
Jackson	1
Lamar	1
Leake	1
Leflore	1
Lincoln	1
Lowndes	3
Madison	1
Montgomery	1
Rankin	4
Tallahatchie	1
Warren	1
Wilkinson	1
Yazoo	1

LTC OUTBREAKS

176

Current outbreaks in long-term care facilities only. (See [LTC facility outbreak definition](#).)

About our case counts: We currently update our case totals each day based on test results from the previous day. Outside laboratories also report positive test results to us, which are included in our totals. Repeated tests for the same individual are counted only once. County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information.

County COVID-19 Data

Race and Ethnicity

- [Total COVID-19 cases and deaths by county, race and ethnicity](#) PDF
Current and past data tables, updated daily

Trends and Data for Individual Counties

- [Weekly COVID-19 summaries for each Mississippi county](#)

High Cases and Incidence

- [Mississippi counties ranked by weekly cases and incidence](#)

Cumulative Cases and Deaths by County

Totals of all reported COVID-19 cases for 2020, including those in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

The numbers in this table are provisional. County case numbers and deaths may change as investigation finds new or additional information. The data provided below is the most current available.

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Adams	744	30	46	12
Alcorn	565	6	12	1
Amite	265	6	14	2
Attala	571	25	90	20
Benton	187	1	2	0
Bolivar	1380	42	74	11
Calhoun	456	10	23	4
Carroll	287	11	45	9
Chickasaw	560	20	36	11
Choctaw	152	4	0	0
Claiborne	427	15	43	9
Clarke	419	28	31	9
Clay	462	14	2	1
Coahoma	923	16	75	2
Copiah	1039	31	30	4
Total	79,206	2,315	4,739	963

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Covington	703	17	8	3
De Soto	4365	41	49	9
Forrest	2043	61	120	34
Franklin	169	3	3	1
George	672	12	5	2
Greene	284	14	35	6
Grenada	903	30	84	16
Hancock	463	18	8	4
Harrison	3100	48	149	17
Hinds	6317	135	355	59
Holmes	1019	52	98	20
Humphreys	329	13	20	6
Issaquena	95	2	0	0
Itawamba	495	14	51	9
Jackson	2830	57	74	7
Jasper	465	12	1	0
Jefferson	211	8	8	2
Jefferson Davis	280	7	3	1
Jones	2087	69	174	35
Kemper	263	14	38	9
Lafayette	1202	34	105	24
Lamar	1387	25	8	3
Lauderdale	1672	103	212	58
Lawrence	391	10	18	1
Leake	866	29	4	0
Lee	2041	49	143	25
Leflore	1208	73	185	45
Lincoln	937	49	129	30
Lowndes	1237	52	92	28
Madison	2802	81	222	41
Marion	761	25	48	6
Marshall	899	11	19	3
Monroe	984	56	148	44
Total	79,206	2,315	4,739	963

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Montgomery	396	14	25	7
Neshoba	1404	99	109	37
Newton	634	13	10	2
Noxubee	514	14	17	4
Oktibbeha	1319	46	184	29
Panola	1257	21	13	2
Pearl River	708	46	66	19
Perry	285	9	0	0
Pike	1092	40	74	19
Pontotoc	1003	9	6	1
Prentiss	581	12	40	3
Quitman	305	3	0	0
Rankin	2708	54	116	14
Scott	1074	21	15	3
Sharkey	243	8	42	7
Simpson	907	39	99	20
Smith	454	13	54	8
Stone	296	9	28	3
Sunflower	1216	34	40	8
Tallahatchie	610	12	9	2
Tate	836	32	32	12
Tippah	517	15	2	0
Tishomingo	528	18	93	10
Tunica	431	10	12	2
Union	838	20	40	11
Walthall	551	24	67	13
Warren	1260	43	106	20
Washington	1944	57	79	17
Wayne	840	21	58	10
Webster	292	13	52	11
Wilkinson	273	15	8	4
Winston	688	18	40	11
Yalobusha	350	11	35	7
Total	79,206	2,315	4,739	963

County	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total LTC Facility Cases	Total LTC Facility Deaths
Yazoo	935	19	29	4
Total	79,206	2,315	4,739	963

Case Classifications

Mississippi investigates and reports both probable and confirmed cases and deaths according to the [CSTE case definition](#).

	Confirmed	Probable	Total
Cases	76,228	2,978	79,206
Deaths	2,201	114	2,315

Confirmed cases and deaths are generally determined by positive PCR tests, which detect the presence of ongoing coronavirus infection.

Probable cases are those who test positive by other testing methods such as antibody or antigen, and have recent symptoms consistent with COVID-19, indicating a recent infection.

Probable deaths are those individuals with a designation of COVID-19 as a cause of death on the death certificate, but where no confirmatory testing was performed.

K-12 School Report by County

Every Mississippi K-12 school is required to report each week the number of total and new cases among students, teachers and staff, the number of total and new outbreaks, and the total number of teachers and students under quarantine as a result of COVID-19 exposure.

► [K-12 school cases, outbreaks and exposure totals by county](#) PDF
Updated weekly

Long-Term Care Facility Cases and Outbreaks

Long-term care (LTC) facilities like nursing homes are considered high risk locations because their residents are older or in poor health. A single confirmed COVID-19 infection in an LTC facility resident, or more than one infection in employees or staff in a 14-day period constitutes an outbreak. Residential care facilities also represent group living facilities where COVID-19 can be easily spread. We investigate residents, staff and close contacts of infected individuals for possible exposure.

These outbreak figures are reported directly to MSDH by the facility. Many of the cases and deaths reported by facilities may not yet be included in our totals of lab-reported cases.

► [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in long-term care facilities](#) PDF
Long-term care facilities include nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF-IID)

► [Mississippi COVID-19 cases and deaths in residential care facilities](#) PDF
Residential care facilities include psychiatric or chemical dependency residential treatment centers and long-term acute care facilities.

Ongoing Outbreaks

This weekly table of ongoing outbreaks lists all facilities that have reported a current, active outbreak of COVID-19. The reported totals are for cases and deaths associated with the current outbreak only.

Note: The cases and deaths in this document have been reported to us directly by the facilities, and may not have appeared yet in our county totals, which are based on reports from testing laboratories.

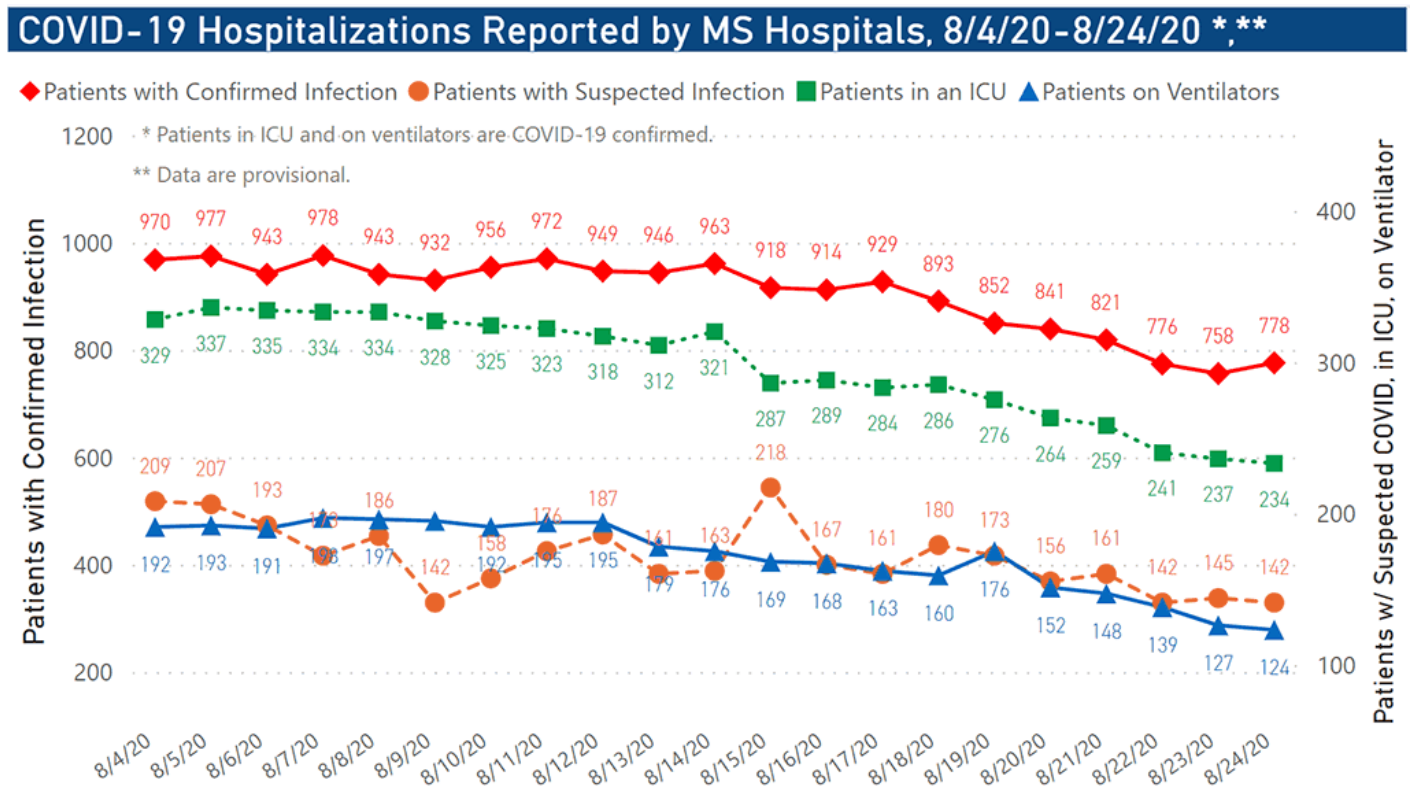
- ▶ [Mississippi long-term care facilities with active COVID-19 outbreaks](#)
Current and past listings

Mississippi COVID-19 Data Charts and Map

All data reports below are updated as they become available. Updates are made daily except where noted.

Hospitalizations and Bed Availability

- ▶ [Interactive chart of hospitalizations by date](#)
- ▶ **NEW:** [Interactive chart of local and state hospital bed availability](#)



Cases and Deaths Data Charts

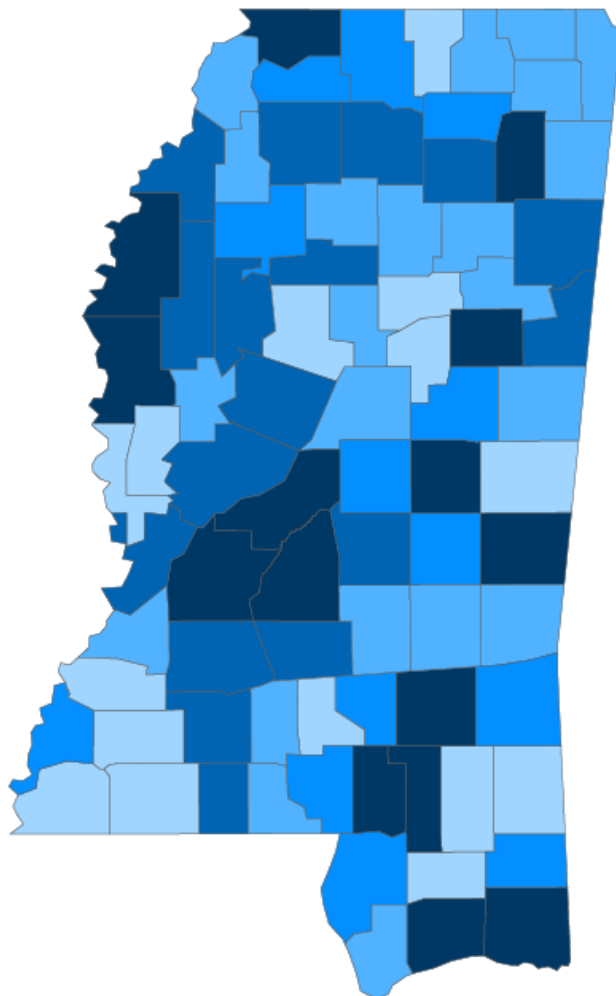
Our state case map and other data charts are also available in interactive form.

- ▶ [View interactive map](#)
- ▶ [View interactive epidemiological trend and syndromic surveillance](#)

The charts below are based on available data at the time of publication. Charts do **not** include cases where insufficient details of the case are known.

Mississippi COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity as of 6 pm CT, August 24, 2020

Total Cases
79,206



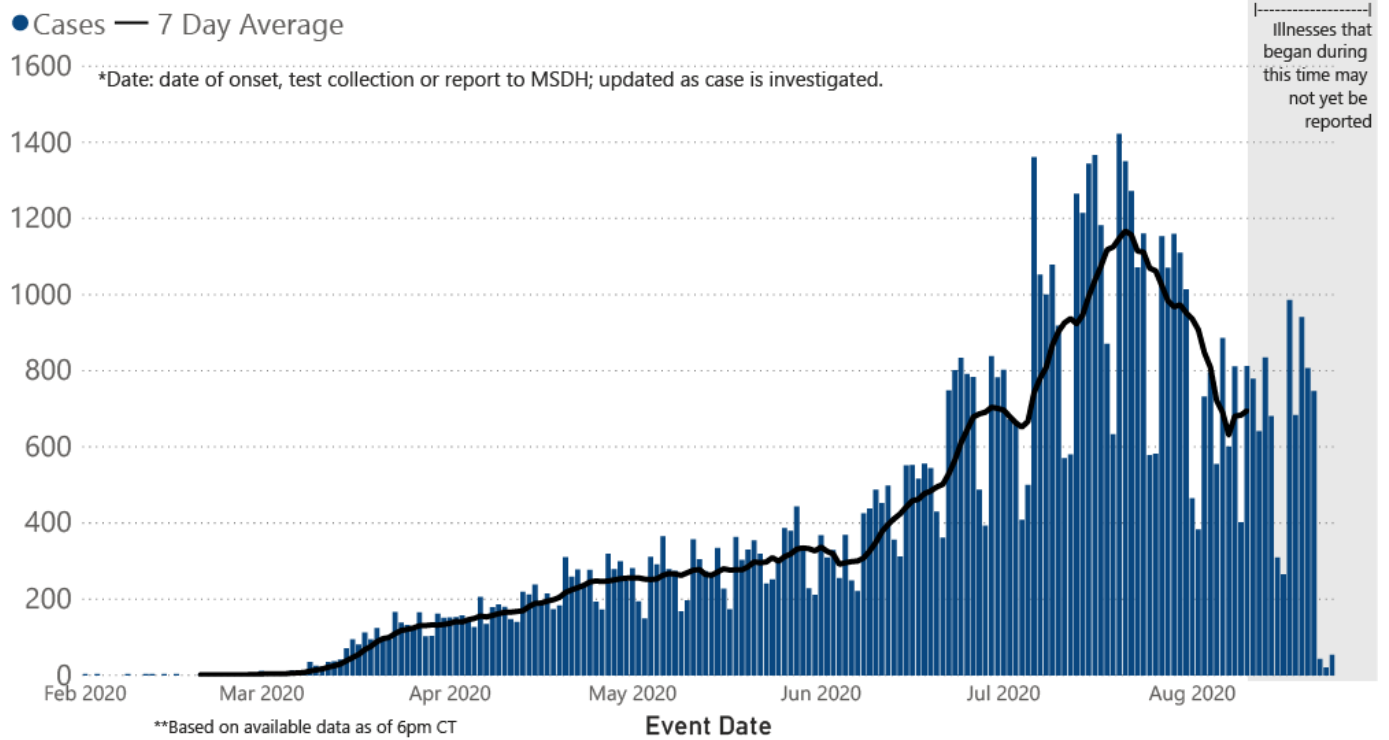
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	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	465	211	26,017	20,328	844	398
Hispanic	14	11	99	663	1,524	97
Unknown Ethnicity	781	58	6,506	5,377	4,447	11,366

Total Deaths
2,315

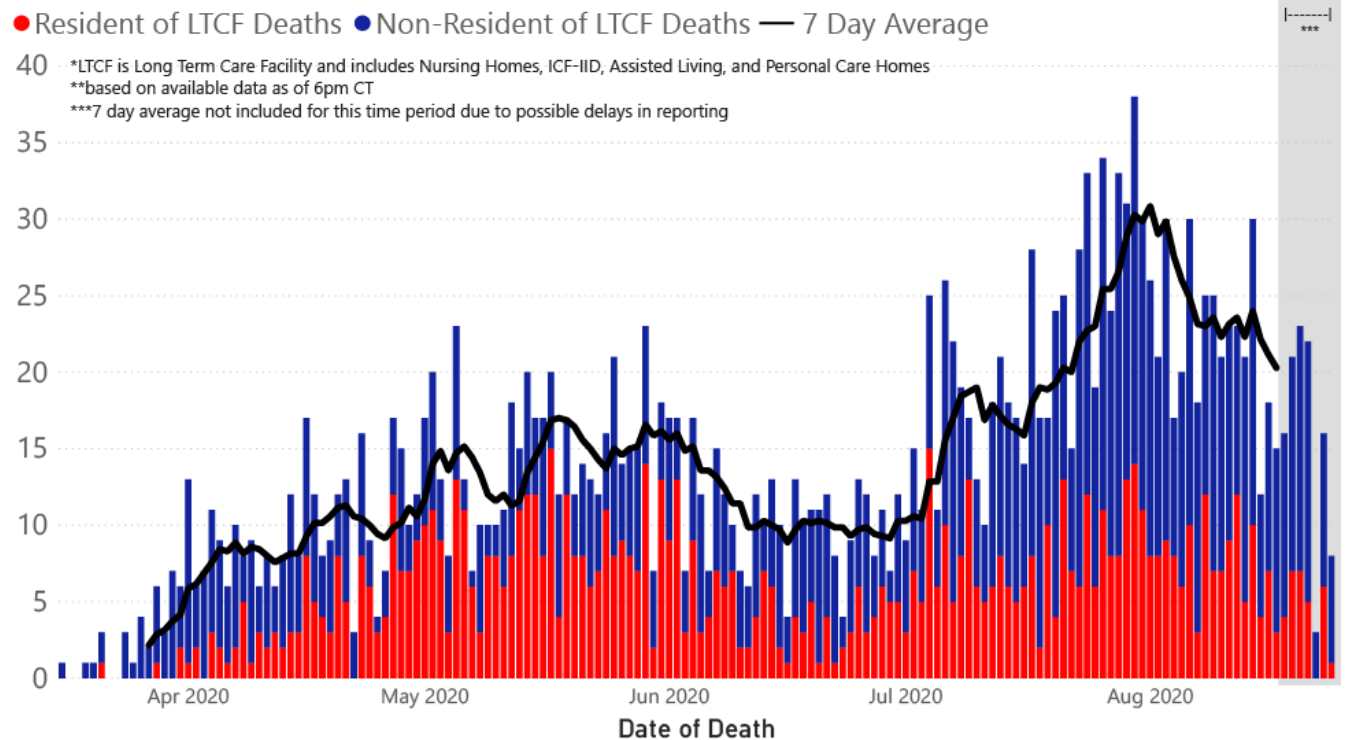
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non Hispanic	64	2	998	909	12	2
Hispanic	1	0	2	17	12	1
Unknown Ethnicity	21	1	105	117	18	33

COVID-19 Cases by Date* through August 24, 2020**, Mississippi



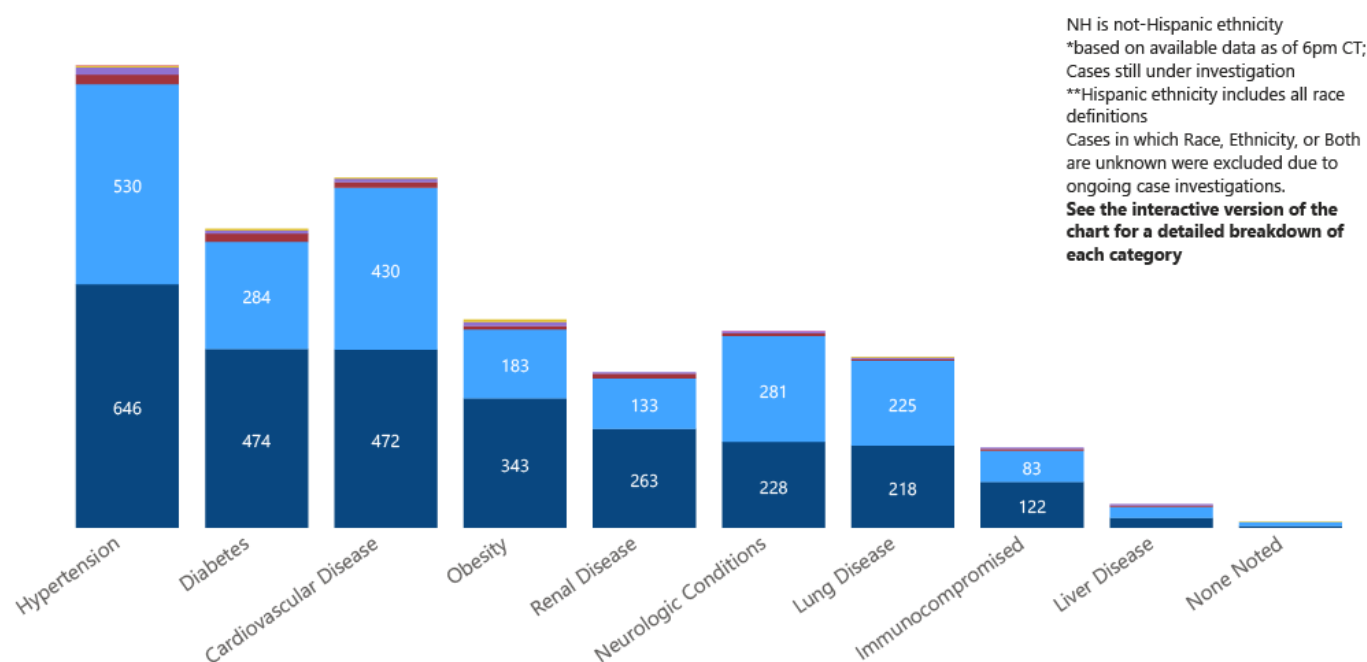
Note: Values up to two weeks in the past on the chart of Cases by Date above can change as we update it with new information from disease investigation.

COVID-19 LTCF* and Non-LTCF Deaths by Date of Death through August 24, 2020**, Mississippi

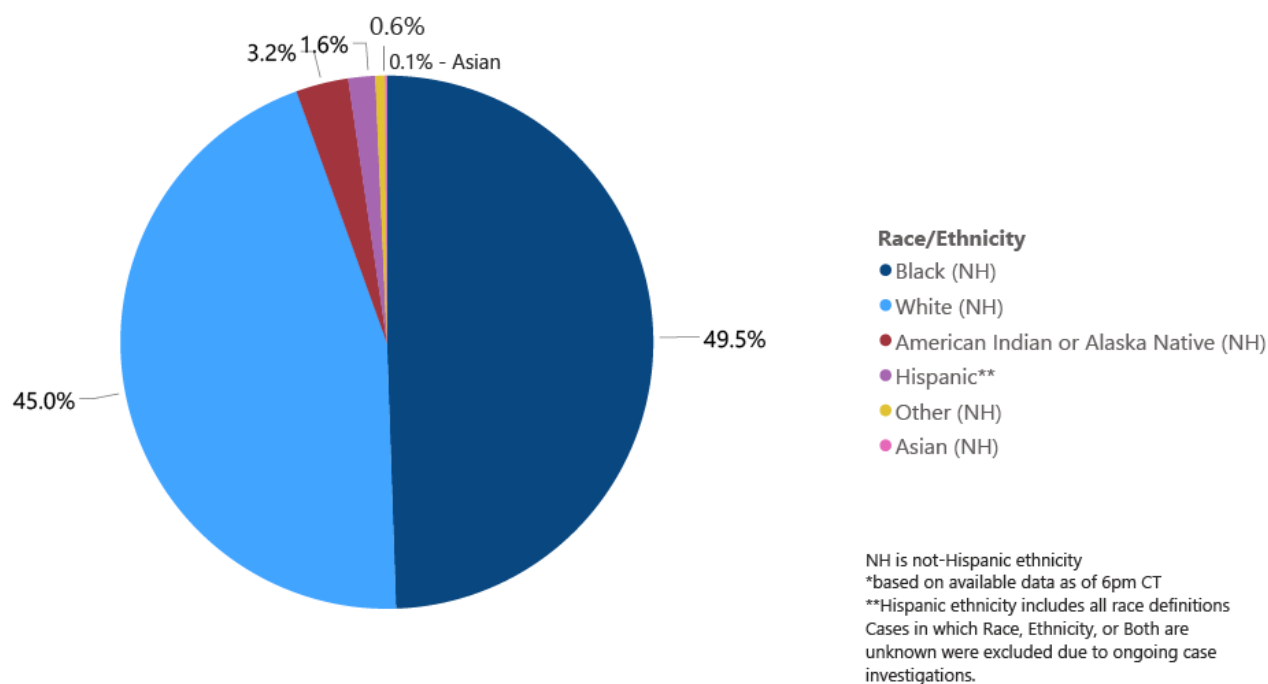


COVID-19 Underlying Conditions in Deaths by Race/Ethnicity through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi

Race/Ethnicity ● Black (NH) ● White (NH) ● American Indian or Alaska Native (NH) ● Hispanic** ● Other (NH) ● Asian (NH)

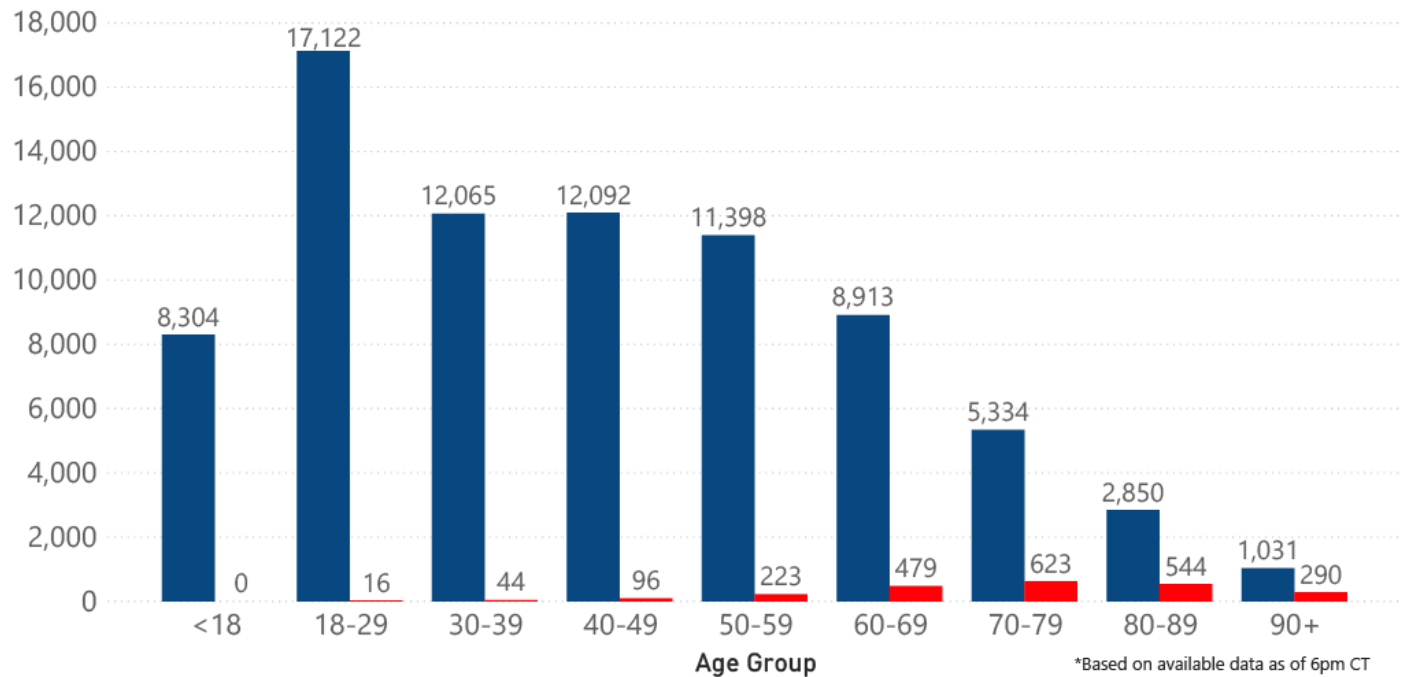


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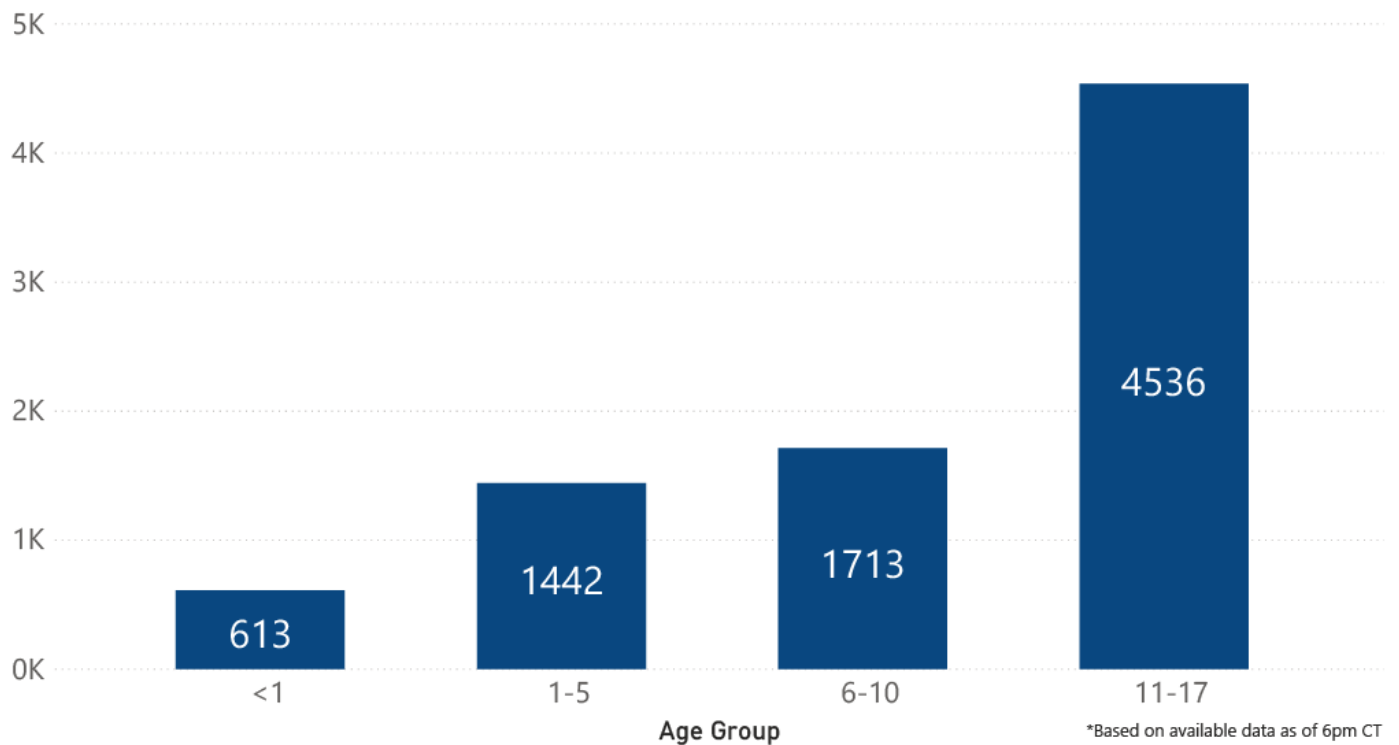


COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Age Group through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi

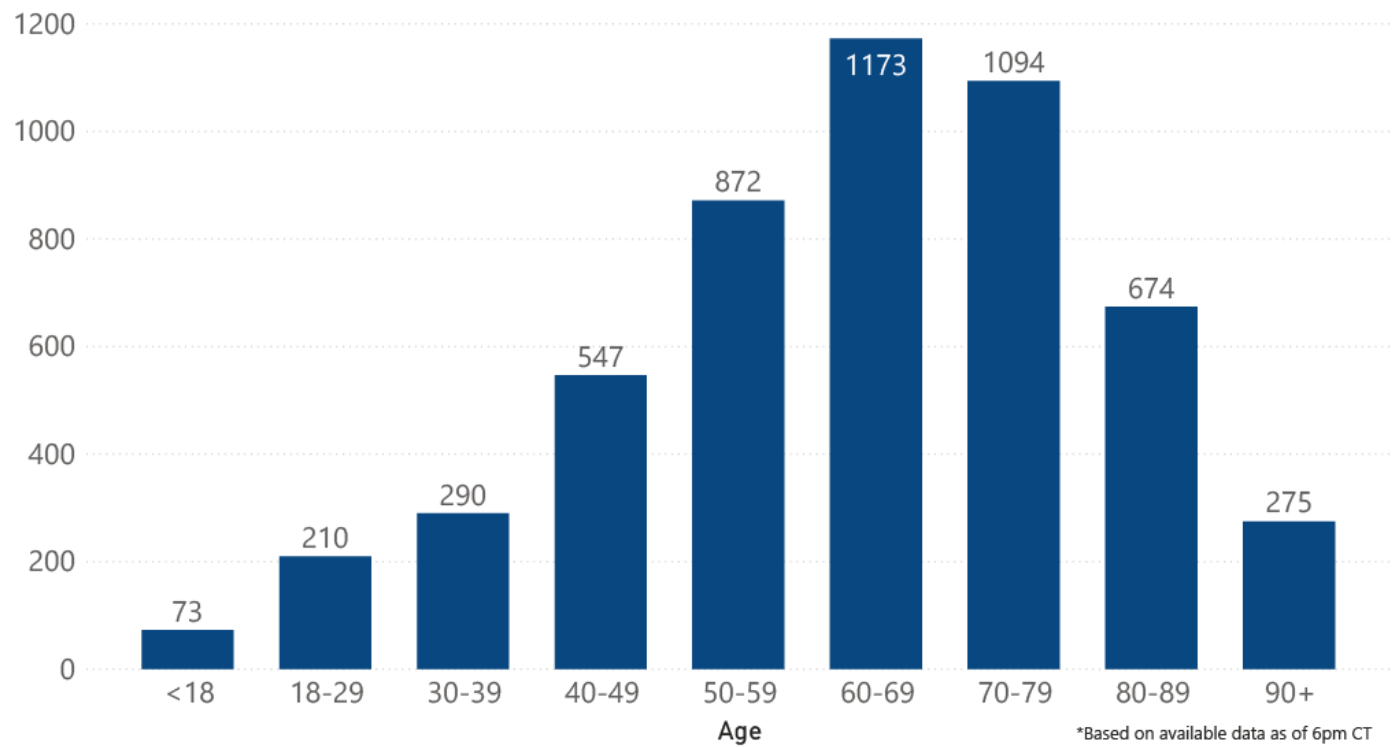
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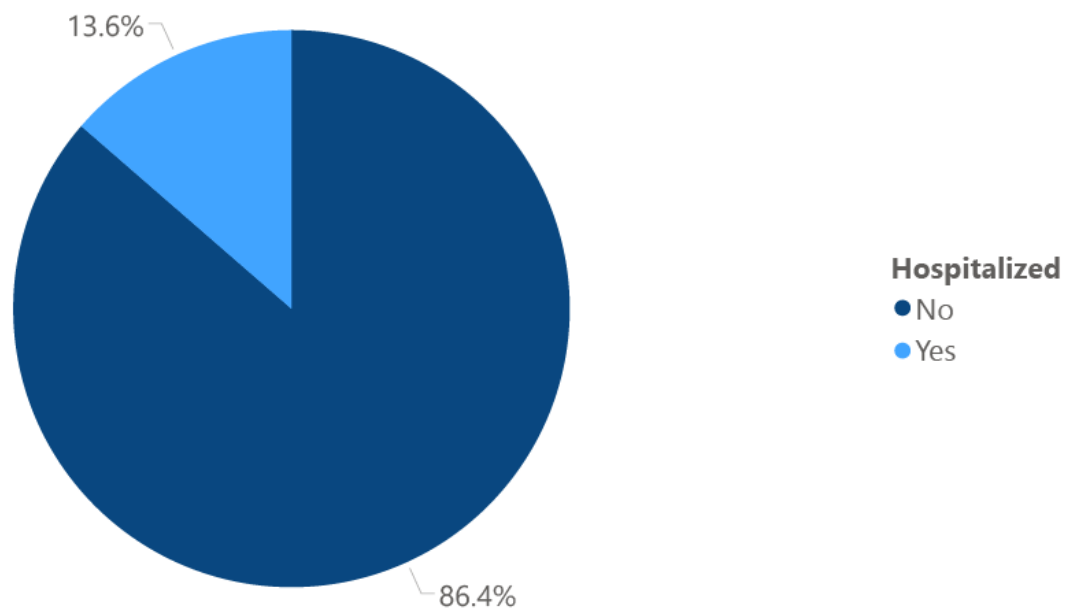
COVID-19 Pediatric Cases by Age Group through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Hospitalized Cases by Age through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi



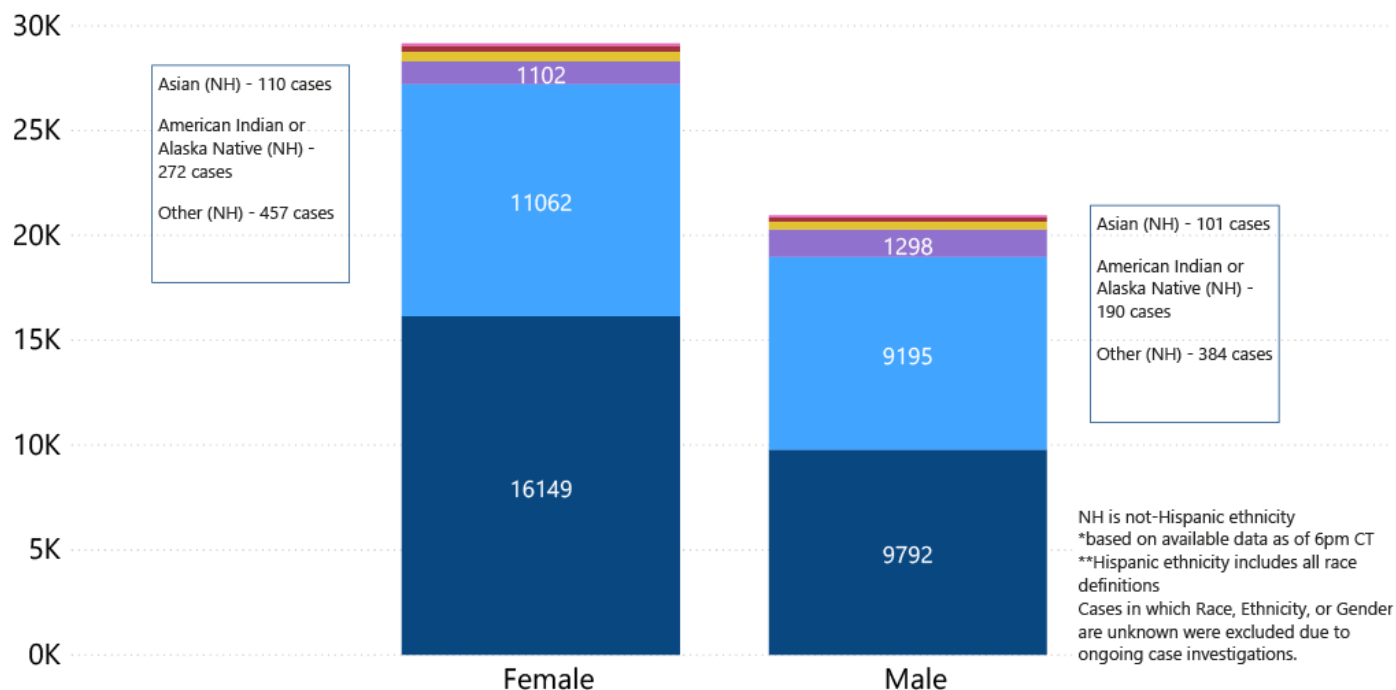
COVID-19 Cumulative Hospitalizations-Investigated Cases August 24, 2020 *



* Cases in which hospitalization is unknown were excluded due to ongoing case investigations; based on available data as of 6 pm CT

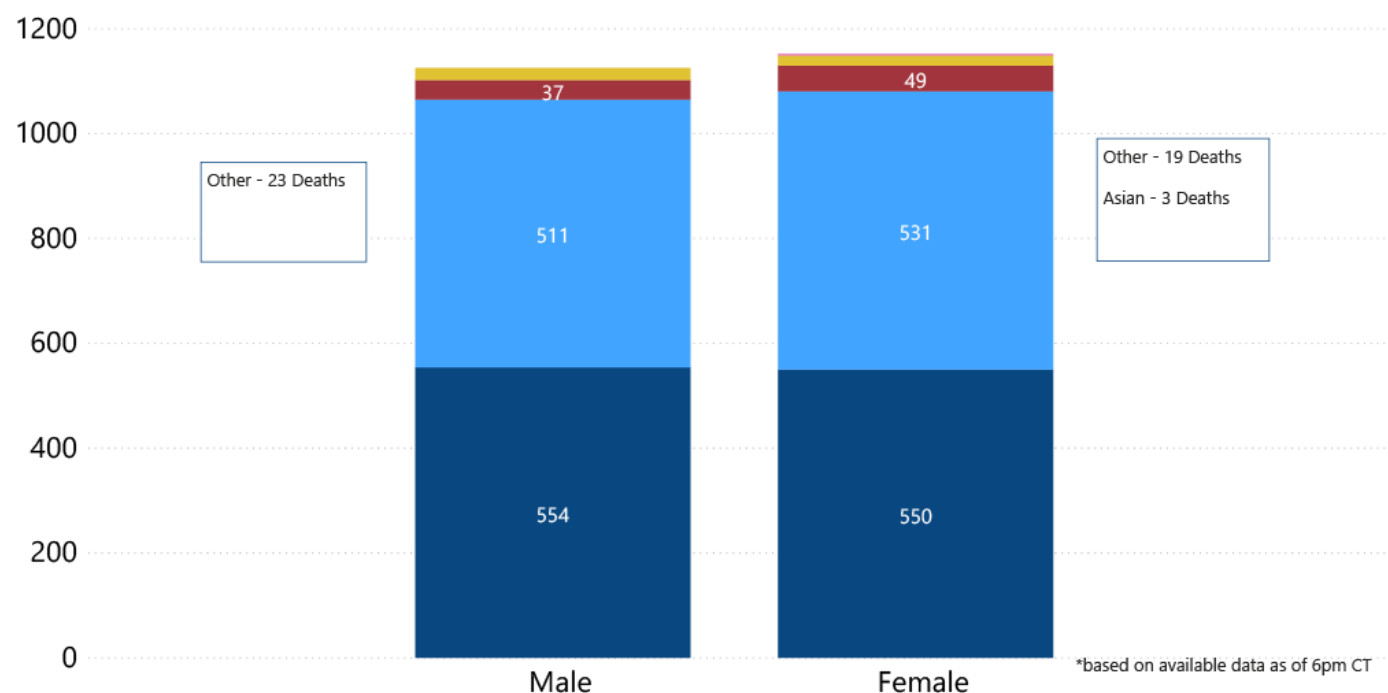
COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity and Gender through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi

Race/Ethnicity ● Black (NH) ● White (NH) ● Hispanic** ● Other (NH) ● American Indian or Alaska Native (NH) ● Asian (NH)

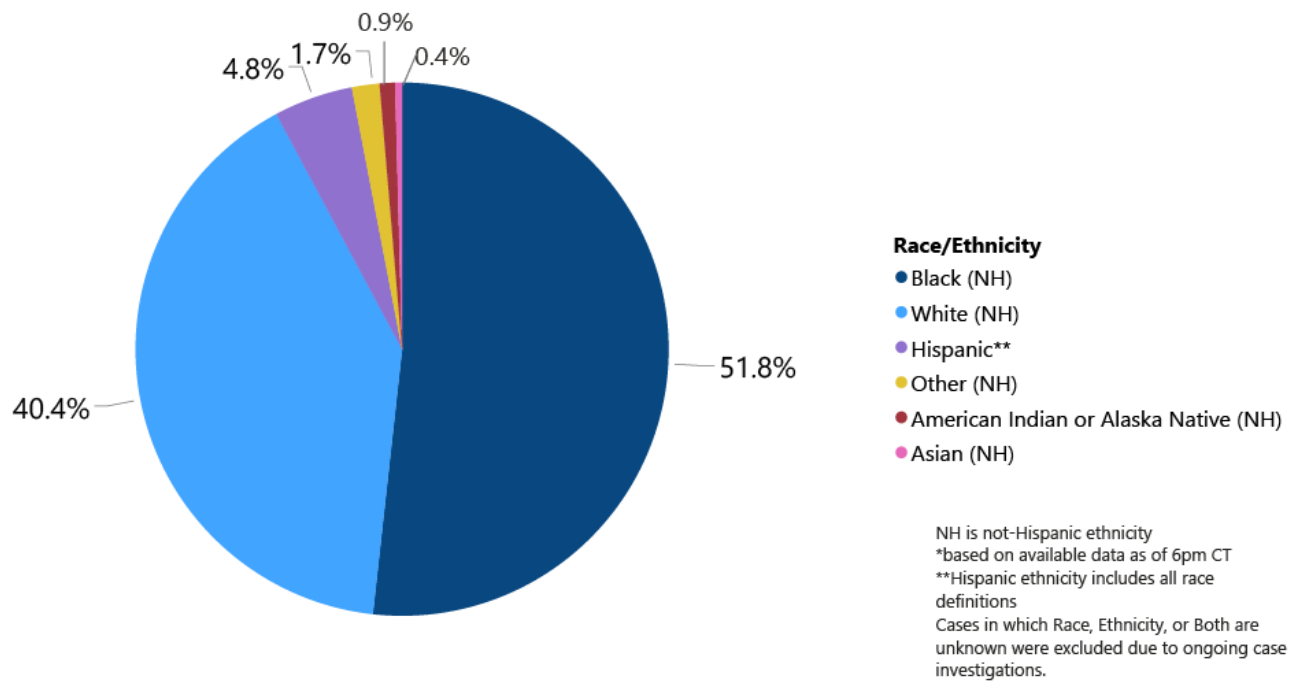


COVID-19 Deaths by Race and Gender through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi

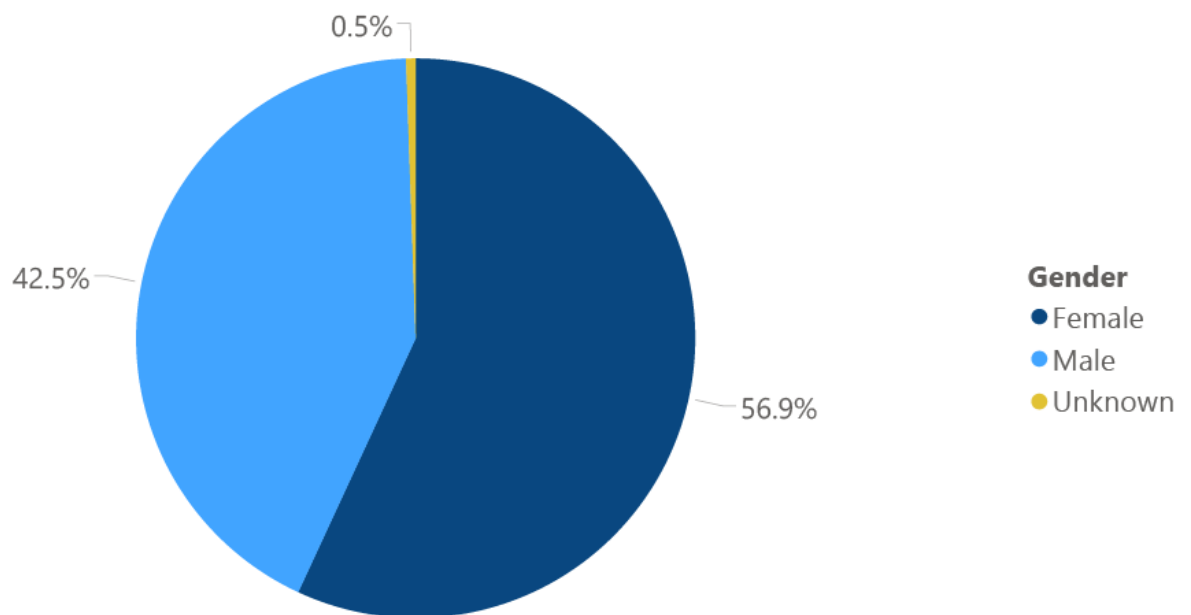
Race ● Black ● White ● American Indian or Alaska Native ● Other ● Asian



COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi



COVID-19 Cases by Gender through August 24, 2020*, Mississippi



*Based on available data as of 6pm CT

Weekly High Case and High Incidence Counties

Tracking counties with recent high numbers of COVID-19 cases, adjusted for population, provides insight on where local outbreaks are most serious, and where protective measures should be increased. For more accurate reporting, these weekly charts include sample collection dates only up to seven days in the past to allow for case investigation and delays in lab test reports.

Cases counts in these charts is based on the date of testing, not the date the test result was reported, and include only those cases where the date of testing is known.

They rank counties by weekly cases, and by incidence (cases proportional to population). A separate table ranking all counties is also available. **All tables updated weekly.**

► [Full tables of counties ranked by weekly incidence and cases](#) PDF

County	Cases (August 10-August 16)	Cases per 100,000 (August 10-August 16)	Cases to Date	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
LEE	198	231.8	2036	2383.1	11%
HINDS	84	36.2	6292	2713.9	1%
HARRISON	72	34.6	3061	1471.1	2%
PRENTISS	68	270.6	557	2216.8	14%
DESOTO	67	36.2	4320	2335.8	2%
RANKIN	56	36.1	2688	1731.2	2%
UNION	54	187.4	826	2866.6	7%
JACKSON	47	32.7	2775	1932.2	2%
MONROE	45	127.7	974	2763.0	5%
SIMPSON	44	165.1	897	3364.8	5%
PONTOTOC	43	133.6	983	3055.3	5%
WARREN	43	94.8	1248	2750.0	4%

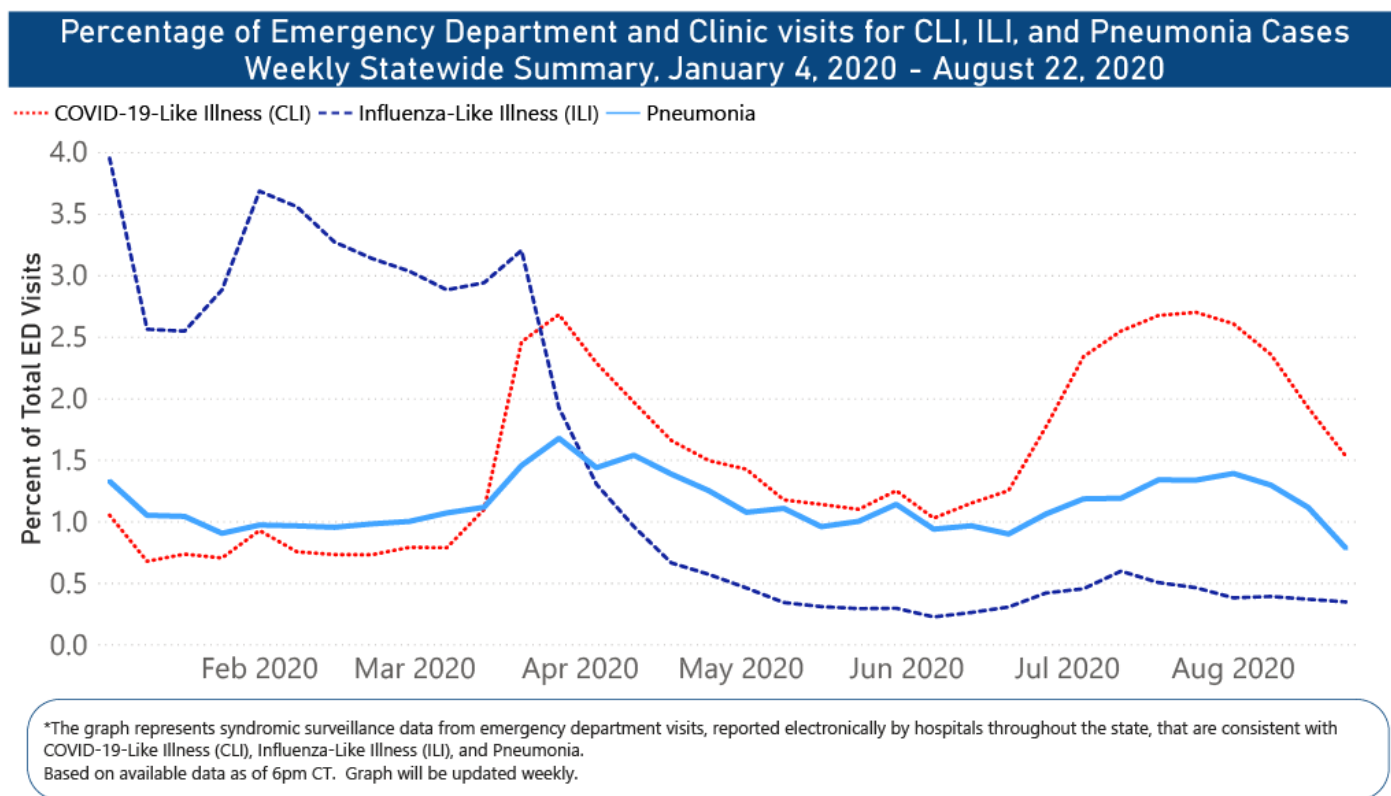
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 Cases based on test date. Cases without test date excluded due to ongoing investigations.
 Table will be updated weekly. A one week lag is used for reporting.

County	Cases (August 10-August 16)	Cases per 100,000 (August 10-August 16)	Cases to Date	Cases per 100,000 Total	Percent Change
WEBSTER	27	278.7	282	2910.5	11%
PRENTISS	68	270.6	557	2216.8	14%
LEE	198	231.8	2036	2383.1	11%
TISHOMINGO	42	216.7	511	2636.3	9%
UNION	54	187.4	826	2866.6	7%
CHICKASAW	32	187.1	562	3286.0	6%
ITAWAMBA	41	175.3	483	2065.0	9%
COVINGTON	31	166.3	702	3766.9	5%
SIMPSON	44	165.1	897	3364.8	5%
TIPPAH	32	145.4	500	2271.2	7%
JEFFERSON DAVIS	15	134.8	271	2435.3	6%
PONTOTOC	43	133.6	983	3055.3	5%

*based on available data as of 6pm CT
 Cases based on test date. Cases without test date excluded due to ongoing investigations.
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Syndromic Surveillance

Emergency department visits by those with symptoms characteristic of COVID-19, influenza and pneumonia, updated weekly.



Estimated Recoveries

Presumed COVID-19 cases recovered, estimated weekly (does not include cases still under investigation).



U.S. and World Cases

- ▶ [COVID-19 cases in the United States \(CDC\)](#)
 - ▶ [U.S. COVID-19 Tracker \(CDC\)](#)
 - ▶ [COVID-19 Global Case Map \(Johns Hopkins University\)](#)
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COVID-19 Testing

Statewide Combined Testing as of August 24

COVID-19 testing providers around the state include commercial laboratories as well as hospital labs. Combined with testing done by the MSDH Public Health Laboratory, the figures provide a complete picture of all Mississippi testing.

PCR testing detects current, active COVID-19 infection in an individual.

Antibody (serology) testing identifies individuals with past COVID-19 infection based on antibodies they develop one to three weeks after infection.

	Total tests	PCR	Antibody	Antigen
MSDH Public Health Laboratory	96,862	95,622	1,240	0
Other testing providers	495,287	448,661	22,948	23,678
Total tests for COVID-19 statewide	592,149	544,283	24,188	23,678

MSDH Individuals Tested as of August 24

MSDH Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) testing totals as of 3 p.m. These totals are for tests performed at the MPHL only.

- Total individuals tested by the MPHL: **74,238**
- Total positive individuals from MPHL tests: **8,250**

Getting Tested for COVID-19

The MSDH Public Health Laboratory, its partners, and private providers are testing statewide for COVID-19.

Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains – especially those who are older or in poor health – should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing. Healthcare providers can assess your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed. MSDH is also helping conduct free drive-up testing sites in many parts of the state. **Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.**

- ▶ [Find a COVID-19 testing provider near you](#)

Prevention and Guidance for Individuals and the Community

- ▶ [Preventive steps to take, recommendations, guidance and general information on COVID-19](#)

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