

## GLENMARY RESEARCH CENTER FAST FACTS

### PONTOTOC COUNTY MISSISSIPPI Jackson Diocese

	COUNTY	DIOCESE	STATE	NATION
<b>General Population and Geography</b>				
Total population, 2000	26,726	2,088,620	2,844,658	281,421,906
Population, % change, 1990-2000	20.2 %	9.3 %	10.5 %	13.1 %
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	7.2 %	NA	7.2 %	6.8 %
Persons 65 and over, percent, 2000	12.8 %	NA	12.1 %	12.4 %
Land area (square miles)	497	NA	46,907	NA
Density: persons per sq. mile, 2000	53.7	NA	60.6	79.6
<b>Religious Characteristics</b>				
Number of Catholics, 2000	183	47,873	115,760	62,035,042
Catholic percent change, 1990-2000	238.9 %	18.0 %	21.9 %	16.2 %
"Unclaimed" population, 2000	8,739	962,854	1,291,475	140,057,419
Percent of population "Unclaimed," 2000	32.7 %	46.1 %	45.4 %	49.8 %
Catholics as percent of total population, 2000	0.7 %	2.3 %	4.1 %	22.0 %
Catholics as percent of total "Adherents," 2000	1.0 %	4.3 %	7.4 %	43.9 %
Catholic rank among Faith Groups, 2000	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1st
Total number of faith groups, 2000	12	63	64	149
Three largest faith groups, 2000	SBC	SBC	SBC	Catholic
	U Methodist	U Methodist	U Methodist	SBC
	Chs of X	Catholic	Catholic	U Methodist
Faith group with greatest growth, 1990-2000	Catholic	Evan Presby Ch	Salva Army	Salva Army
<b>Social and Economic Characteristics</b>				
White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	84.4 %	NA	61.4 %	75.1 %
African American persons, percent, 2000 (a)	14.0 %	NA	36.3 %	12.3 %
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, pct, 2000 (b)	1.8 %	NA	1.4 %	12.5 %
Language other than English spoken at home, 2000	3.1 %	NA	3.6 %	17.9 %
Persons below poverty, percent, 1999	13.8 %	NA	19.9 %	12.4 %
Per capita money income, 1999	\$15,658	NA	\$15,853	\$21,587
Median Household money income, 1999	\$32,055	NA	\$31,330	\$41,994
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$66,400	NA	\$71,400	\$119,600
Persons per household, 2000	2.62	NA	2.63	2.59
High school grads, percent 25+ yrs., 2000	66.7 %	NA	72.9 %	80.4 %
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent 25+ yrs., 2000	11.4 %	NA	16.9%	24.4 %
County part of a metropolitan statistical area, 2000?	No			

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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Website <http://www.census.gov> and *Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000* published by the Glenmary Research Center. List of Glenmary Counties taken from 2003-2004 Glenmary Directory.

**Notes:**

- (a) Includes persons reporting one race only.
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race and so are included in racial categories. Therefore, above racial categories are not additive. For other racial categories see [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).
- NA Not applicable or not available.