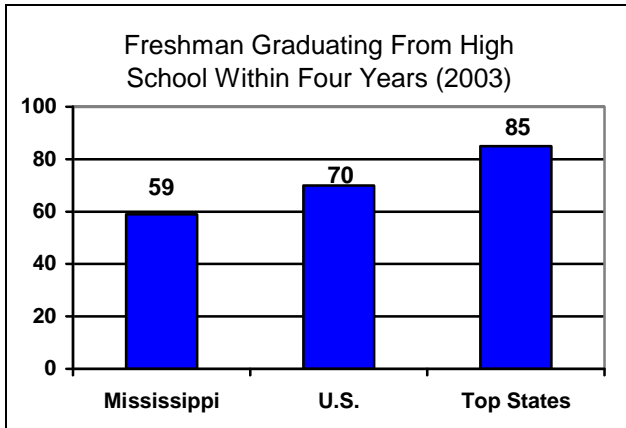


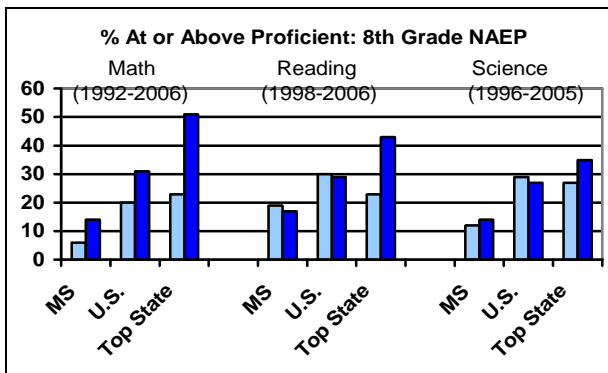
How is Mississippi's economy changing?

By 2012, 88% of Mississippi's fastest growing jobs will require some college or training beyond high school, including a projected 14,600 jobs in the health care field.

How many students graduate on time from high school in Mississippi each year?



Are 8th-graders ready for high school?



Is the achievement gap in Mississippi closing in math and science?

% AT OR ABOVE PROFICIENT: NAEP			
8th GRADE MATH	1992	2006	% Point Change
All	6%	14%	+8
White	12%	24%	+12
African American	1%	4%	+3
Latino	--	--	--
8th GRADE SCIENCE	2000	2005	% Point Change
All	15%	14%	-1
White	24%	25%	+1
African American	3%	3%	--
Latino	--	--	--

Are Mississippi high school students on the path to college?

Are 8th-graders taking Algebra (2005)?

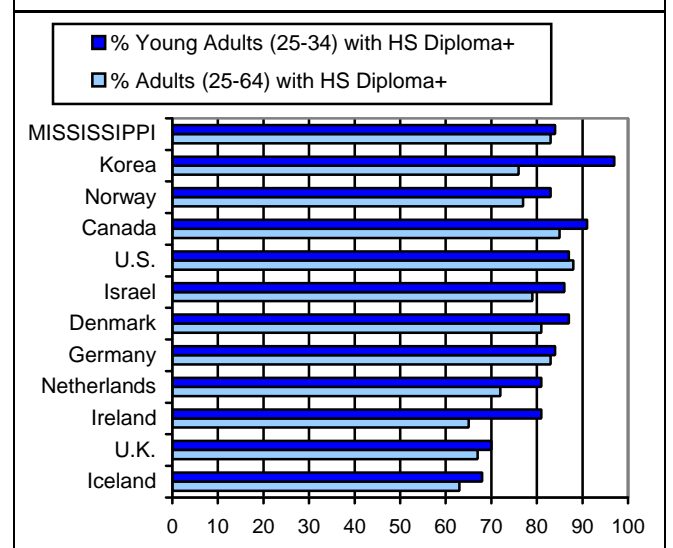
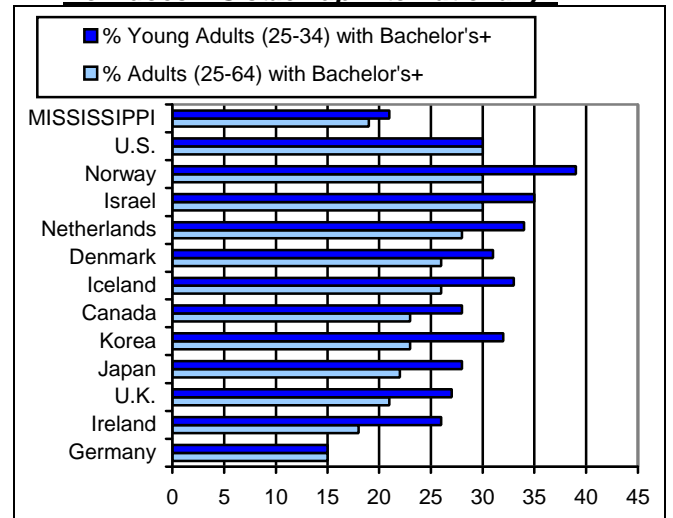
Mississippi.....23%
 U.S.....41%
 Top States.....56%

Are 11th/12th-graders taking AP exams (2004)?

Mississippi.....4%
 U.S.....12%
 Top States.....18%

2005	MS	U.S.
Participation in ACT	94%	40%
Average ACT score	18.7	20.9
Participation in SAT	4%	49%
Average SAT score	1118	1028

How does MS stack up internationally?





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How Prepared Are Students in Mississippi for Life After High School?



What are Mississippi's school demographics?

2003-04	MS	U.S.
# of Public Schools	1,051	95,726
Total Public School Enrollment	493,540	48,540,725
# of High Schools	327	22,782
Total High School Enrollment	132,627	14,333,486
Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity/Program Participation		
White	47%	59%
African American	51%	17%
Latino	1%	19%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	4%
American Indian/Alaskan	<1%	1%
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	64%	36%
English Language Learner	1%	11%

End Notes

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