

# MISSISSIPPI

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<b>Sales Tax on Food<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Yes</b>
Rate	7%
Rebates or credits	No
<b>Poverty level<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>19.9% (2<sup>nd</sup> in state ranking)</b>
<b>Food Insecurity<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>16.5% (2<sup>nd</sup> in state ranking)</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>6.7% (2<sup>nd</sup> in state ranking)</b>

Overall grade: **9**

Comments: This is probably one of the worst states. Mississippi has an extremely high ranking in everything and on top of that, the food is still taxed at full rate. It is no wonder that this state scored as poorly as it did.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbpp.org/3-16-06sfp3.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/Ranking/2003/R01T040.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.frac.org/pdf/hunger05rank.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/state\\_unemployment/state.html](http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/state_unemployment/state.html)

## The Score Card

**Sales Tax on Food**      **25 pts.**

Rate                      6 of 20

Rebates or credits      0 of 5

**Poverty level**        **1 of 25**

**Food Insecurity**      **1 of 25**

**Unemployment Rate**    **1 of 25**

**Total**                **9/100**