

# Mississippi

## Family Caregiver Support Facts at a Glance

FACTS IN BRIEF	MISSISSIPPI	UNITED STATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population age 60+</li> <li>Population age 65+</li> <li>Population age 85+</li> <li>Proportion age 65+ (National rank)</li> <li>Proportion age 85+ (National rank)</li> </ul>	457,100 343,500 42,900 35 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	45,797,200 34,991,800 4,239,600 N/A N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of population age 21 to 64 with a disability</li> <li>Percent of population age 65+ with a disability</li> </ul>	15.6% 46.2%	19.2% 41.9%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of grandparents raising grandchildren</li> <li>Number of children being raised by grandparents</li> </ul>	48,061 83,593 (10.8% of children under age 18)	2.4 million 4.5 million (6.3% of children under age 18)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of informal caregivers in the state</li> <li>Caregiving hours per year</li> <li>Market value of informal care</li> </ul>	.3 million 287 million \$2.5 billion	27.2 million 29 billion \$257 billion

### MISSISSIPPI'S SUPPORT NETWORK

#### • Family Caregiver Support Program

**Offers:** Adult day, in-home, overnight, and weekend/camp respite options, capped at 32 hours per month; additional services include homemaker/chore/personal care, supplies, home delivered meals, counseling, education and training, family meetings, home modification/repairs, information and assistance, and support groups.

**Funded by:** National Family Caregiver Support Program under Older Americans Act Title III E; administered by the Mississippi Department of Human Services and locally by area agencies on aging.

**Eligibility:** No minimum age for caregivers; care receivers must be age 60 or older. Care recipients must have impairment in two or more activities of daily living for respite/supplemental services and a diagnosis of dementia or related disorder and/or require supervision.

#### • Elderly and Disabled Waiver

**Offers:** Adult day, in-home, and overnight respite options, capped at 40 hours per month; the caregiver must reside with the care receiver to be eligible for respite services; other services include care management and transportation.

**Funded by:** Medicaid home and community-based services waiver; administered by the Mississippi Governor's Office of Medicaid and locally by area agencies on aging.

**Eligibility:** Caregivers and care receivers both must be over age 21; care receivers must be impaired in three or more activities of daily living or meet nursing home level of care criteria.

#### • Grandparent and Other Relative Caregiver Support Programs

**Offers:** Respite care and other support services designed to address the needs of grandparent and other relative caregiver-

ers of children. See [www.gu.org/factsheets.asp](http://www.gu.org/factsheets.asp) for details on Mississippi programs.

**Funded by:** Older Americans Act Title III E, state general revenues, and other sources. The Family Caregiver Support Program is administered by the Mississippi Department of Human Services and locally by area agencies on aging.

**Eligibility:** Grandparent and other relative caregivers must be a minimum of age 60 and caring for a child age 18 or younger to receive services in the Family Caregiver Support Program.

### CONSUMER DIRECTION

Consumer direction is a philosophy that accommodates people's needs and preferences by offering them maximum choice and control over services they use. Both Mississippi caregiver support programs offer some level of consumer direction.

- **The Family Caregiver Support Program** offers caregivers a menu of services from which to choose. In addition, in one area of the state, the AAA provides a voucher or budget for respite and families have a choice of respite providers.
- **The Elderly and Disabled Waiver** offers a menu of services.

### LEGISLATION

None related to caregiving

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