



REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

STATE FACT SHEETS | MISSISSIPPI



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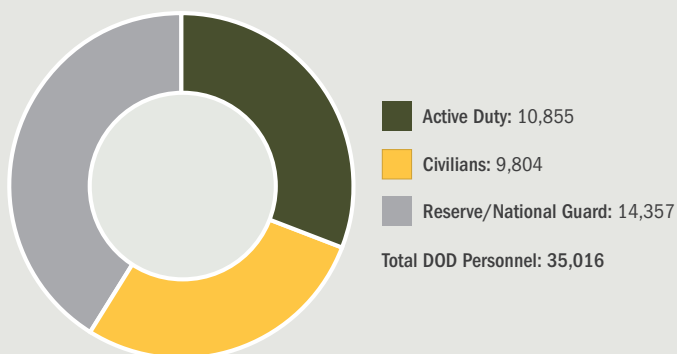
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of Mississippi received \$8.9 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2009 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed nearly \$14.9 million to REPI projects supporting five installations in Mississippi.

DOD IN MISSISSIPPI

DOD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2023)



Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2023)



\$8.9 billion
in Federal
Defense
spending

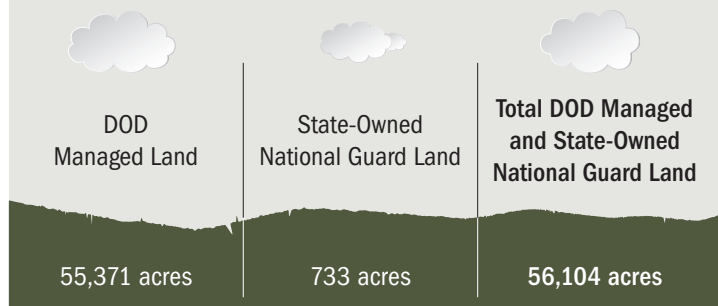


6.1%
of state Gross
Domestic
Product



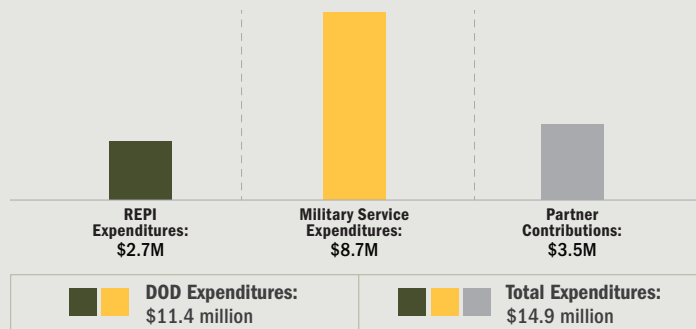
\$1.8 billion
in payroll contributed
\$7.0 billion
in contracts awarded

Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2023)



REPI PROJECTS* IN MISSISSIPPI

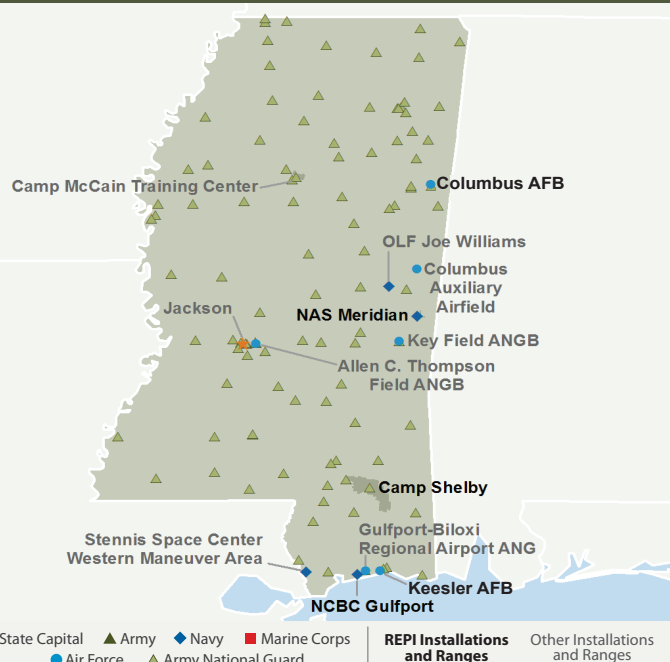
Funding Summary (from FY 2009 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding.

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (FY 2009 through FY 2024): 7,287



MILITARY PRESENCE

- The 14th Flying Training Wing, under Air Education Training Command at Columbus Air Force Base is responsible for an intensive **52-week Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training** program.
- Keesler Air Force Base is a **lead joint training installation**, training over 30,000 military and civilian government personnel annually.
- Camp Shelby is the largest training site owned by a state in the US. It's one of the largest mobilization stations of the US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), and it's also the biggest reserve training facility.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Camp Shelby	Perry, Forrest	4th
Columbus Air Force Base	Lowndes	1st
Keesler Air Force Base	Harrison	4th
Naval Air Station Meridian	Lauderdale, Kemper	3rd
Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport	Harrison	4th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



Camp Shelby offers a variety of training, including practice medical evacuations.

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as SERPPAS to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- SERPPAS partners work to prevent encroachment around military lands, encourage compatible resource-use decisions, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, and military services.
- Mississippi is a member of SERPPAS, along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. For more information, visit www.serppas.org.

Key REPI Partners

- Coastal Conservation League
- Compatible Lands Foundation
- EKO Asset Management Partners
- Kemper County
- Kings County
- Lauderdale County
- Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks
- Mississippi Development Authority
- Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Mississippi Land Trust
- Mississippi State University Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- Northern Arizona University
- Sequoia River Lands Trust
- State of Mississippi
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- West Hills Community College District
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Wildlife Mississippi

Data Sources

- **For Installation-Specific Information:**
 - Camp Shelby information: www.ms.ng.mil/installations/shelby/
 - Gulfport Seabee base: www.sunherald.com/news/business/article160701694.html
 - Keesler Air Force Base: "Fiscal Year 2017 Economic Impact Analysis": www.keesler.af.mil/Portals/14/documents/EIA%202017%20for%20web.pdf?ver=2018-05-01-155348-127
 - www.installations.militaryonesource.mil/in-depth-overview/naval-construction-battalion-center-gulfport
 - Naval Air Station Meridian: www.meridianstar.com/news/local_news/nas-meridian-announces-groundbreaking-for-solar-power-facility/article_d9c48e95-9080-5837-8a46-2bb6476583c4.html
- **For Military Impact Information:** Mississippi Military Department: "Mississippi National Guard Annual Report, 2023": www.ng.ms.gov/sites/msng/files/documents/staff_depts/special_staff/pao/annual_reports/pdfs/Annual%20Report%20%28Jul%201%2C%202022%20-%20Jun%2030%2C%202023%29.pdf
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2023": www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2025 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf